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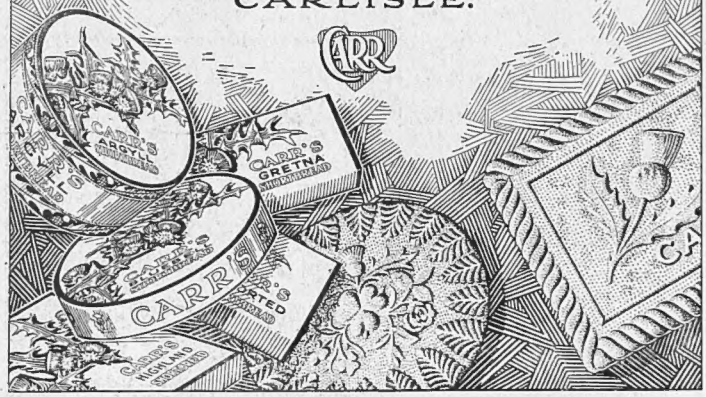

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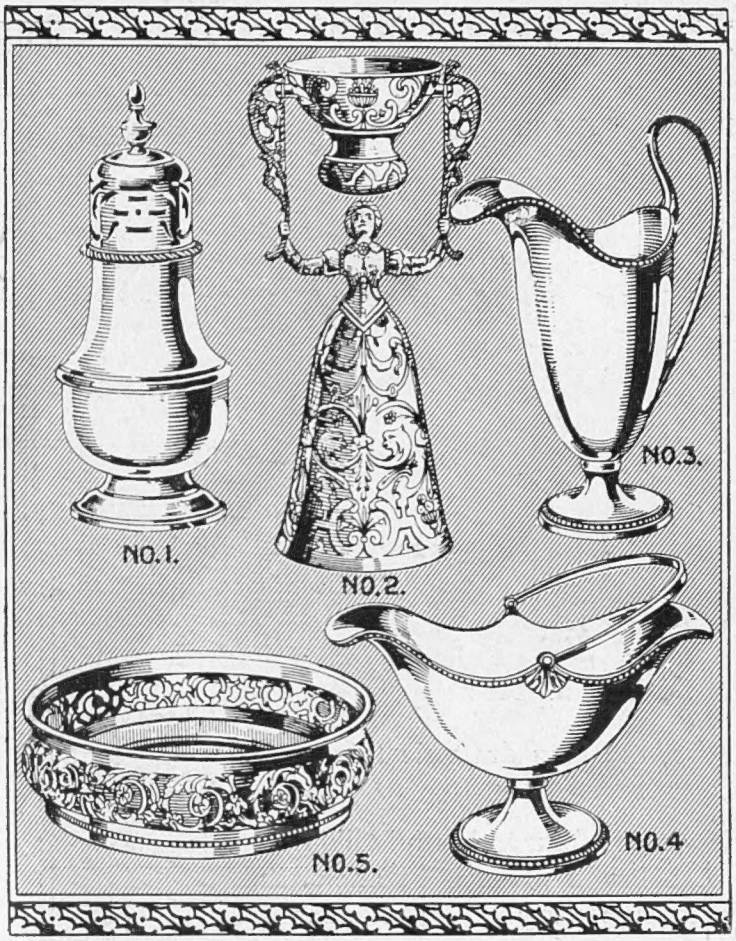

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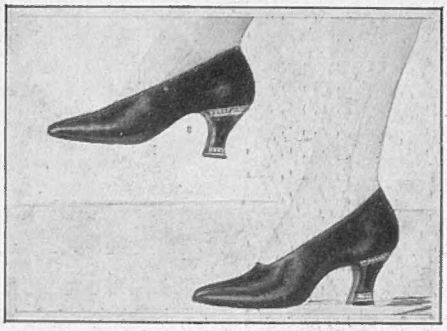

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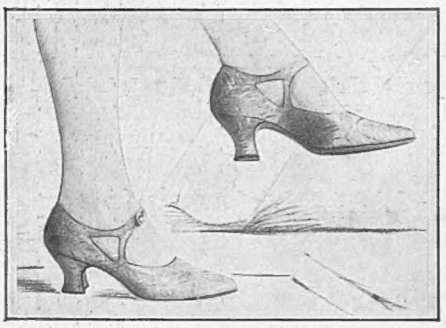

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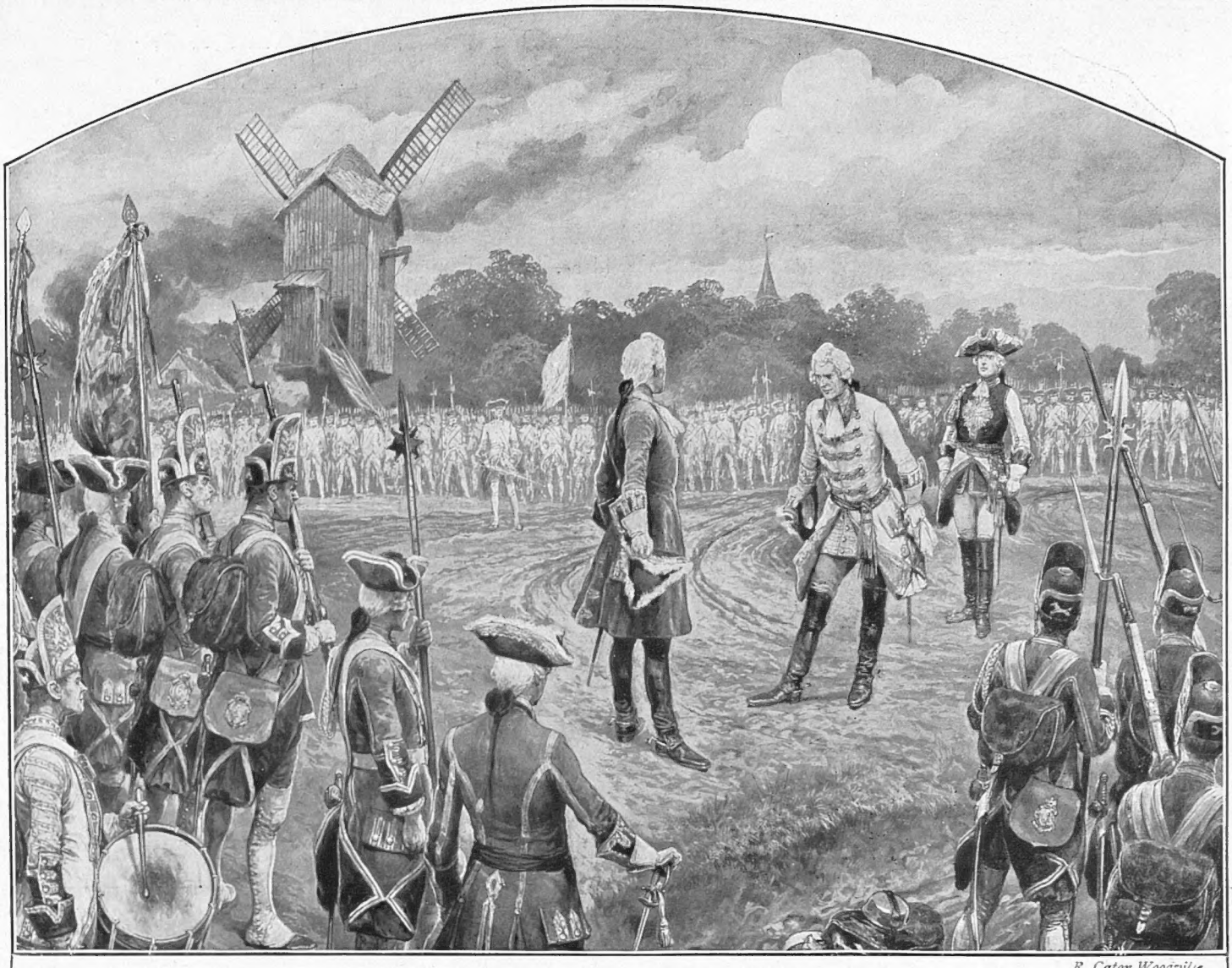

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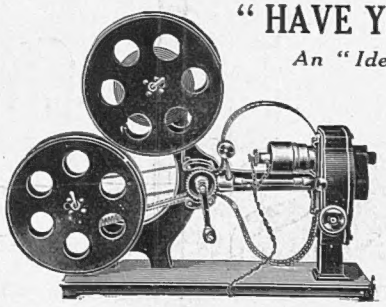

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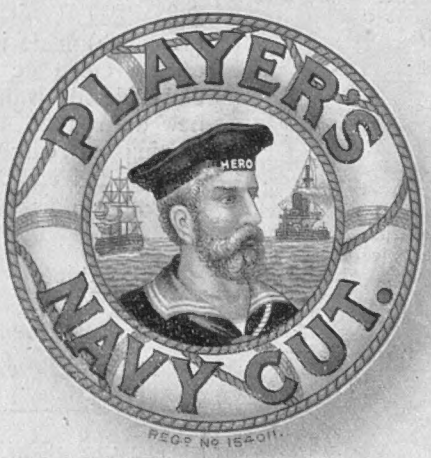

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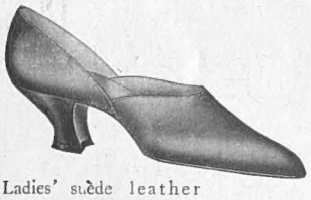

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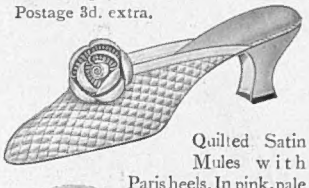

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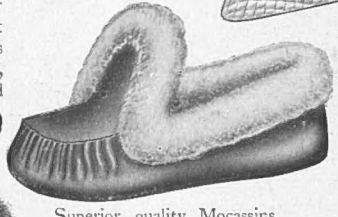

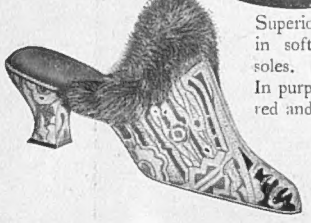

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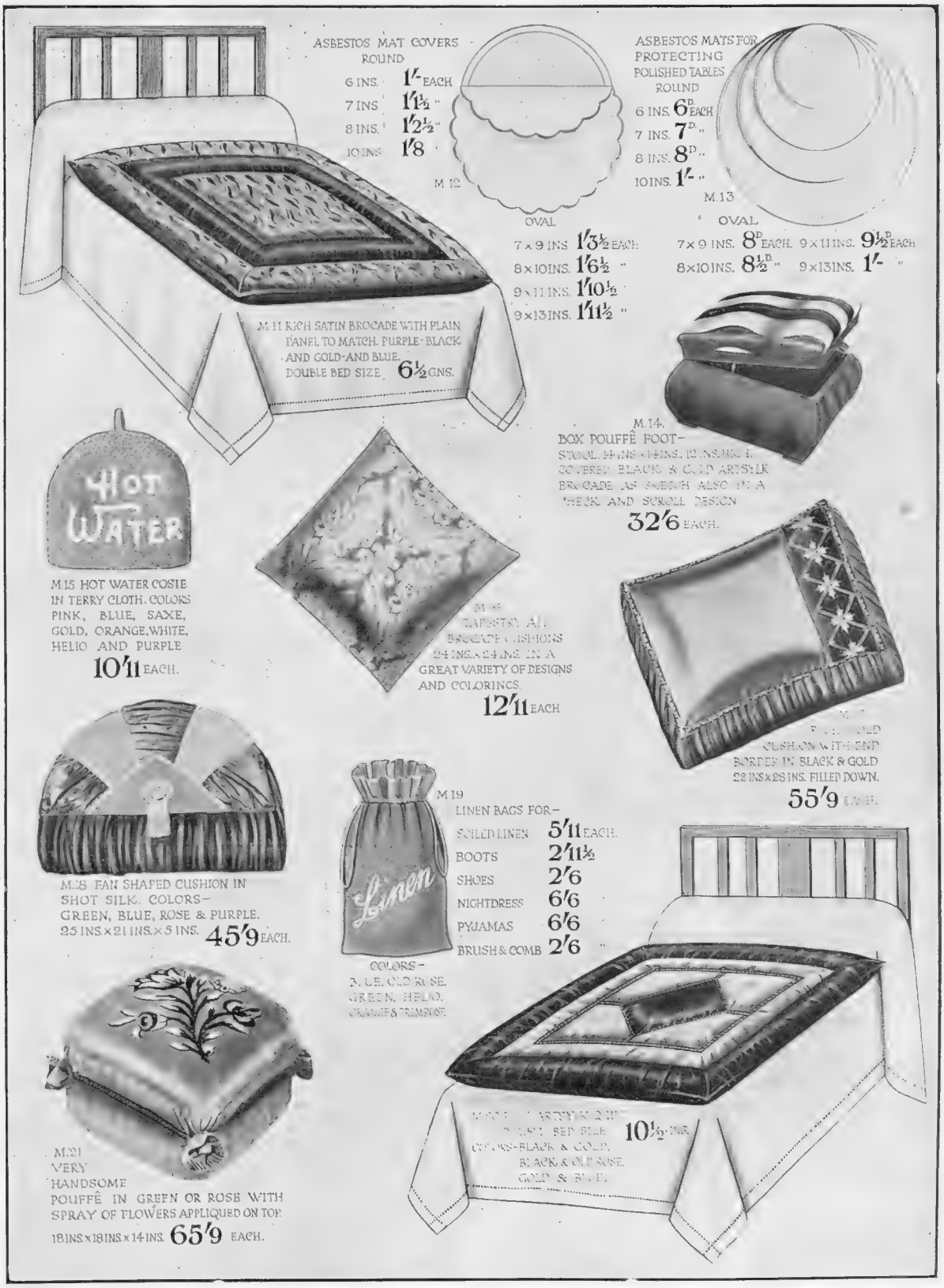

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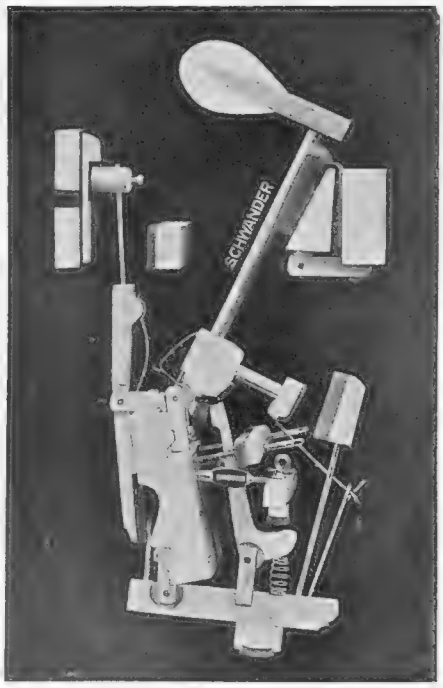

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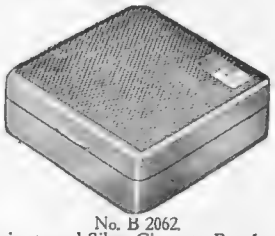

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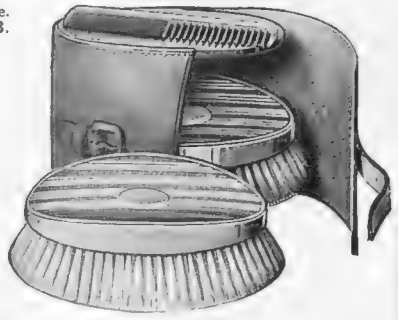

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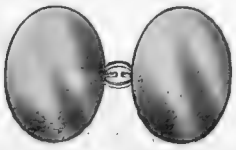

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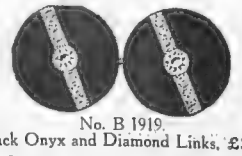

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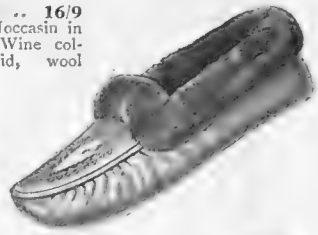

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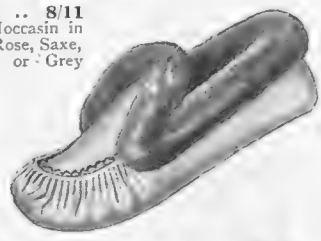

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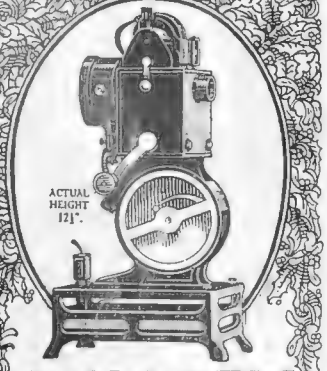

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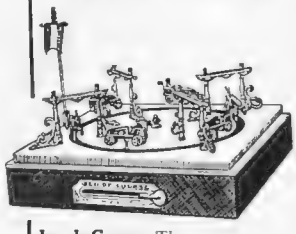

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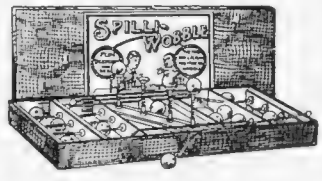

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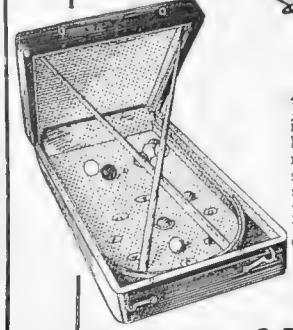

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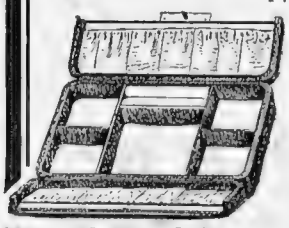

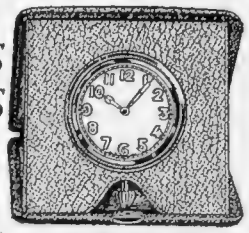

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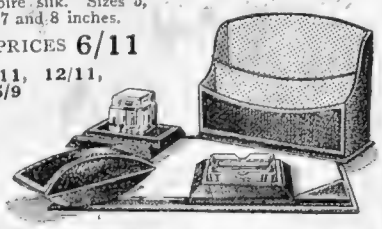

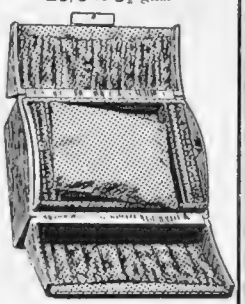

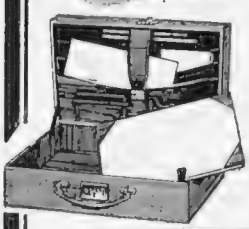

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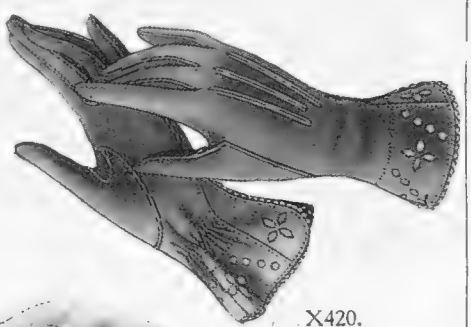

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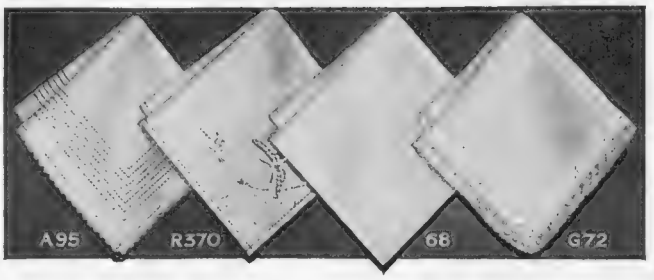

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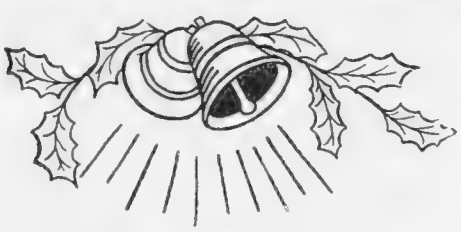

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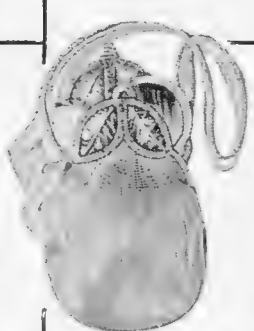

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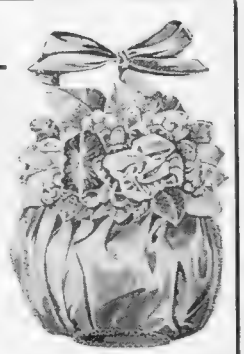

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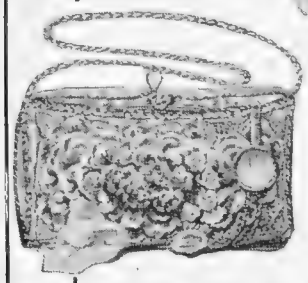

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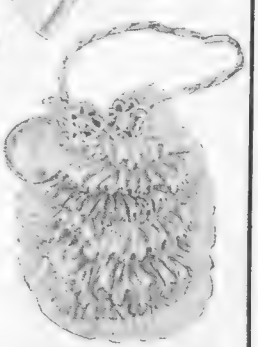

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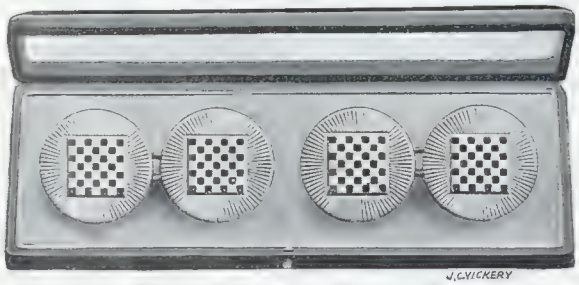

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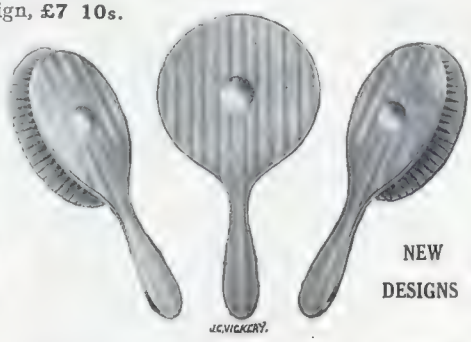

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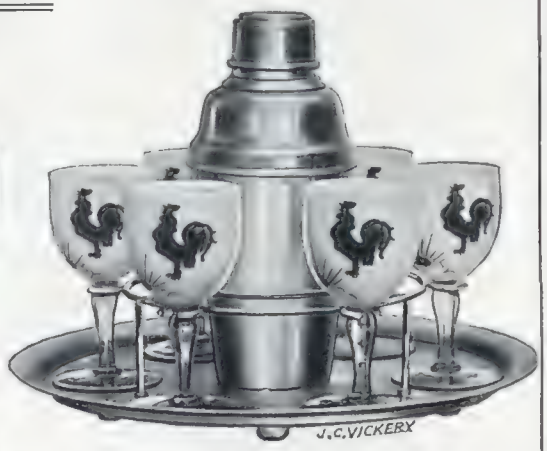

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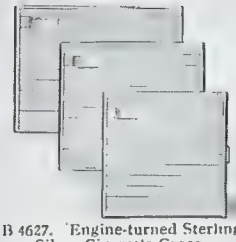
Shaw and Macnamara

MISS JOSEPHINE O'DARE

A well-known rider with the Quorn. She is shortly going to train racehorses at Newmarket



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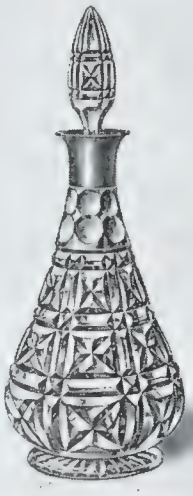

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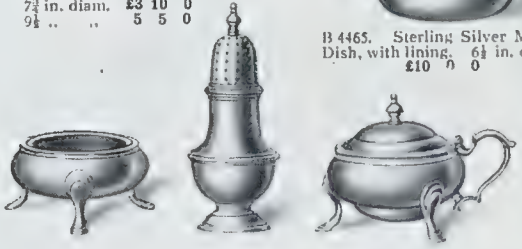

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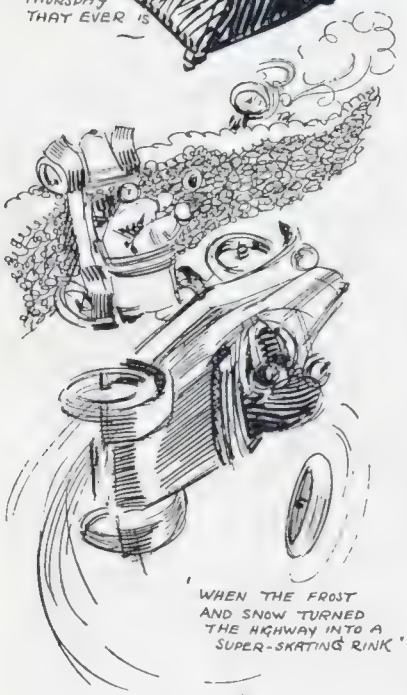
ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Lest You Forget

WITH quite a thrill I received a letter sent "at the request of Her Highness Princess Marie Louise," bidding me to the annual costume ball of the Three Arts Club at Covent Garden on Thursday next. Not that I am a snob! I merely mention the fact in case you may have forgotten that the Three Arts Ball *does* take place on the very next Thursday that ever is.

I Had No Idea

ANOTHER letter came from a gentleman who offered me financial accommodation for any sum up to £50,000 on my own written promise to repay. I had no idea that Christmas was such a season of goodwill! Which reminds me that I have had many similar letters during the past few days. What is the psychology of this? Is it just a reminder that we shall all be broke on the 26th inst., or are our powers of resistance supposed to be weakened by the cold weather?



Those Cup Re-Plays

I AM assured by people who should know that, owing to the new off-side rule, re-plays in the F.A. Cup competition will not occur with such curious frequency as heretofore. I hope this may be true. This is a cynical age but it would take a very simple soul to accept the statement that finance has no bearing on the phenomena. Certainly, I have never seen a football director throw a fit in the grand stand because his team had been forced to accept a share of a second "gate" on the following Wednesday.

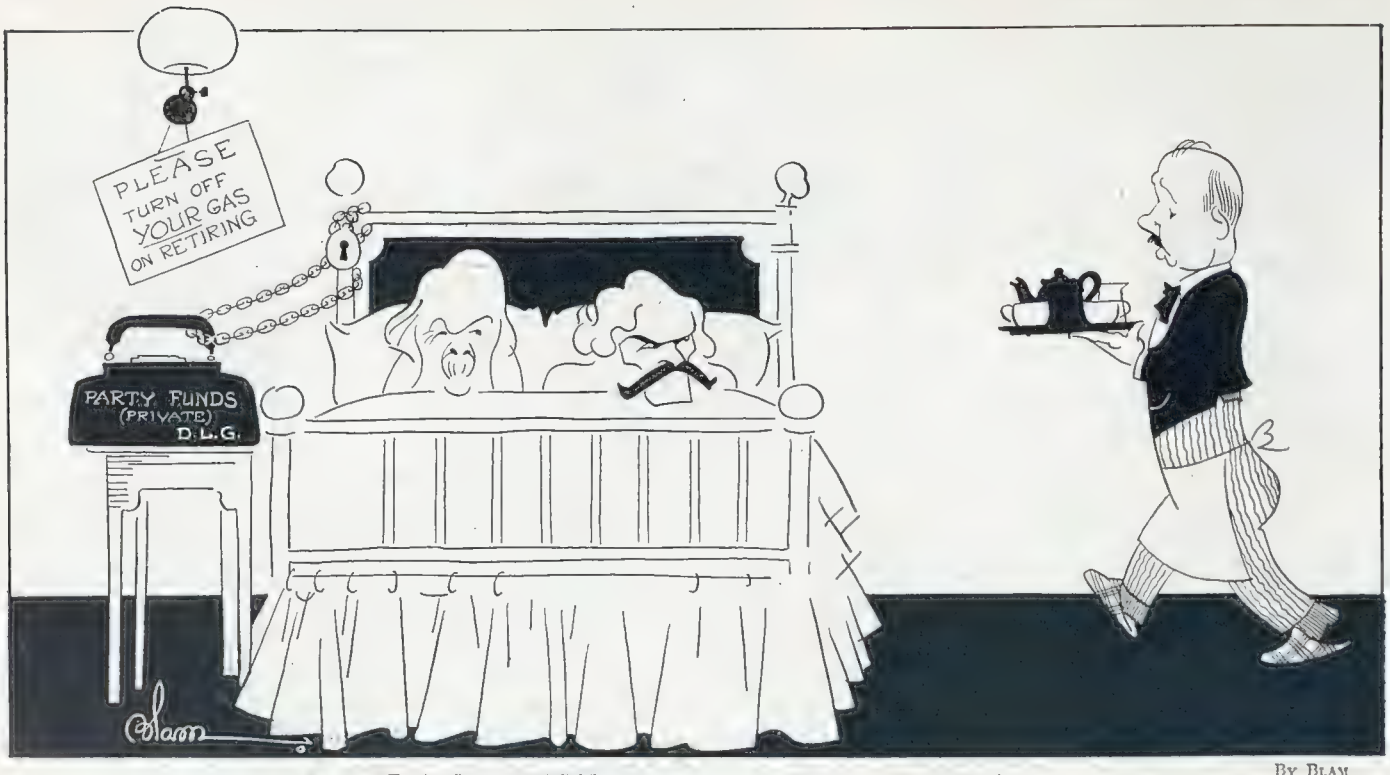
Ha! Ha! Ha!

A BOLD spirit has suggested that the gate money taken during each round of the F.A. Cup should be pooled and divided equally among the competing teams. Ha! Ha! Ha! He remarked, ingenuously, that this would save a lot of re-plays and would assist the smaller clubs who were in need of support. Ha! Ha! Ha!

A gent who came from Stamford Bridge
Remarked: "It seems an awful pity
That we attract a bigger gate
Than Swindon Town or Norwich City.
Now I suggest we pool the lot!"
And *did* they pool it? Did they *what*?

Two-Seaters in Trouble

SO many people have bought motor-cars during 1925 that I have quite lost count of them, but the new owner-driver was very much in evidence during the recent cold spell. He had jogged along quite happily during the summer, but when the frost and snow began to turn the highway into a super-skating rink,



"STRANGE BEDFELLOWS"— J. H. T(EA) FOR TWO! By Blam

the hedges and ditches were fairly littered with two-seaters, and the insurance companies have been paying out money with both hands.

I've Been Thinking——

What a splendid thing it would be for dramatic authors if critics were drawn from the ranks of unsuccessful actors. Being human, these ex-actors would devote far more attention to the excellence of the play than to the excellence of the player. I am constrained to make this suggestion because I have been reading a critic's summary of 1925, and, would you believe it, the only living English author who finds a place in a list of twelve "theatrical thrills" is Thomas Hardy. For the rest, four of the plays were by dead—very dead—Englishmen, three were by Americans, two by Tchekov and Pirandello, one by a Russian, and the last by someone of whom I've never heard.

Silly Fellow!

How does one account for this sort of nonsense? Is it just vulgar jealousy, directed against members of his own class—he once wrote a play, I believe—or is it merely a pose? Did the silly fellow get no thrill from any scene in *The Man With a Load of Mischief?* If he can quote "I want to be happy" I can quote that deliriously funny duet by Edmund Gwenn and Maisie Gay in Charlot's Revue. Has he seen Sara Allgood in *Juno and the Paycock?* What about *No, 17?* But why worry? The man is a fool!

A Joyful Link

To those of us who trot down into the country about Christmas-time, the local paper comes as a joyful link with the past. Bill Snooks has got a son! The Jones girl is married at last. Poor old Jenkins is dead. We read everything from the Christmas Cattle Show to the meeting of the Board of Guardians, and we always reserve the special tit-bit to the last. Hunting Fixtures! What a joy to find that hounds will be on our side of the country twice during the next week, but alas! Those hunting fixtures are very scanty just now.

Those Russians!

I am not so very perturbed by the suggestion of a member of the Fascisti, that all these Russian boots have been imported so that when the Red Terror really comes there will be no scarcity of foot-gear for the invading forces. And yet, on second thoughts:

You remember those Russians who,
All unseen,
Marched from Tooting to
Turnham Green?
Well! These new boots,
Between you and me,
Are just as Russian
As they can be.
And, I've found *snow*
In a Brighton train—
Those darned old Russians are at it again!

The Son of His Father

Sir Austen Chamberlain has done a very splendid thing. Not only has he earned the honours that have been showered upon him, but he has succeeded in spite of the fact that he is his father's son. I don't remember that Sir Austen was ever particularly inefficient or that he did anything unusually foolish, but, for a long time, he was the butt of his political opponents and had a very difficult row to hoe. And all, if you please, because he was the son of his father and had the temerity to wear an eye-glass—as his father did.

The Next Step

Talking about Locarno, that was a very pungent cartoon which appeared in my evening paper on the day that saw the great deed duly done. The artist gave us Europa—a topping girl shewing rather a lot of leg—passing from a stepping-stone labelled "Locarno" to another labelled "Disarmament." Underneath he had written "—And now, the next step!" If Locarno means all that we hope, that next step should be taken speedily and with every assurance as a natural corollary to the progress already made.

England's Skipper

The suggestion that England's captain for next year's cricket tests should now be chosen is sound, unless, of course, the authorities are waiting to be assured that Mr. Gilligan's health will stand the strain. Everyone will be delighted to hear that his doctor has only warned him to go slow in order that he may be quite fit for next summer. For, whatever the pundits may decide, the man in the street has already selected next year's leader.

A Tight Place at the Château-Briand

BY E. T. REED

BRIAND (*to himself*): "Speaking financially, cher Aristide, beware of '*rapid deflation!*'"
HIMSELF (*to Briand*): "Et également, mon ami, whatever you do, '*inflation*' must be avoided at all costs!"

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE

BY THE BYSTANDER IN SOCIETY

The King's Message

In his touching message "to my People," expressing his gratitude for their "sincere, generous sympathy" with him in the death of Queen Alexandra, the King, for the first time during his reign, lifts the veil which lies between the outward glamour of sovereignty and its realities.

The King speaks of "the many anxious days I have had to face during the last fifteen years." People who accept things as they appear to be, are very apt to dismiss the position of a constitutional sovereign with the light reflection that the monarch's responsibilities actually rest upon the shoulders of his ministers. Up to a certain point this is true, but on the other hand, when all is said and done, each Government represents a political section of the community, and naturally its whole policy is permeated by its own particular political opinions.

The monarch is outside politics. The well-being of the people is his only concern. For this reason measures which may actually be based upon political expediency may be a source of grave distress and anxious thought to him, whilst they leave his responsible ministers cold and untouched.

Few English monarchs in a reign of fifteen years have been faced with more difficult and trying problems than the King. There is poignant truth in "the many anxious days I have had to face." And there were no more anxious days than when it seemed civil war would break out in Ireland, except those days in late July of 1914, when the war-clouds swelled darker and darker, culminating in that memorable day when the people by thousands gathered round Buckingham Palace and called for the King.

One cannot imagine a sadder or more difficult position than that of a monarch, whose whole life is given to ceaseless duties and to ceaseless interest in the welfare of his people, not being appreciated. It has happened in other countries, and it has happened, too, in England. But, happily, whatever anxieties and responsibilities the King may have to face he is certain that behind him lies the whole-souled appreciation and sympathy of his people. That understanding and sympathy bursts out spontaneously whenever happiness or sorrow comes to the Royal Family.

LADY CHAMBERLAIN *L. N. A.*

Who has been appointed a Dame Grand Cross of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire. She gave a luncheon party in honour of the signatories of the Locarno Treaty

SEVEN NATIONS MAKE

The historic scene in the State Reception Room at the Foreign Office during the signing of the "Security Pact" of the table, and following round from his left are: Sir Austen Chamberlain, Sir Cecil Hurst, Mr. Lampson, (Poland), M. Vandervelde (Belgium), M. Rolin (Belgium), Herr Kempner (Germany), Herr von

Sir Austen Chamberlain, K.G.

The royal banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of the signing of the Treaties of Locarno, naturally could not take place. But, despite his mourning, the King received at the Palace the six foreign delegates representing France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, who had signed the Treaties at the Foreign Office, and afterwards entertained them at tea together with the British Ambassadors accredited to their various countries.

Before the delegates were received by the King an interesting bit of history was made at the Palace. This was the knighting of Sir Austen Chamberlain and his investiture by the King with the Order of the Garter. Sir Austen is the second untitled commoner to receive the Garter in over 300 years. The Earl of Balfour was the first. So far as my delvings in history can make out, Sir Austen is the fourth commoner to receive this honour—the highest distinction the Sovereign can give. The other three are Sir Robert Walpole, George II.'s famous Prime Minister; Mr. Balfour and Sir Edward Grey. All these three were created peers afterwards.

Lord Balfour's earldom and the Viscounty of Grey of Fallodon conferred on the erstwhile Sir Edward Grey, make Sir Austen the only commoner who has the right to wear the cherished Blue Ribbon across his evening waistcoat.

The three great Orders of England, Scotland and Ireland—the Garter, the Thistle and St. Patrick—are never worn in miniature, nor are ribbons representing them worn.

Orders and Their Creation

Queen Victoria was responsible for the creation of five Orders, three of which—the Order of the Indian Empire, the Order of the Star of India and the Imperial Order of the Crown of India—came into existence after she became Empress of India at Beaconsfield's dazzling, but most wise, suggestion.

To one Order, the Victoria and Albert, which the Queen created after the Prince

HISTORY IN LONDON *Topical*

and other Treaties formulated at Locarno by the delegates of seven nations. Mr. Baldwin is seen at the far end M. Briand (France), M. Berthelot (France), Dr. Benes (Czecho-Slovakia), Count Skrzynski (Poland), M. Przezdziecki Schubert (Germany), Dr. Stresemann (Germany), Dr. Luther (Germany), the Marquis Medici (Italy), Signor Pilotti (Italy)

Consort's death, nobody has been appointed since her own demise, and in time it will disappear. The Victorian Order, created only four years before the Queen's death, was by no means popular, but it rewards service in a way which no other Order does, that is, personal service to the Sovereign. And for this reason it was given by King Edward, and is given by King George, as a mark of appreciation for services rendered to themselves personally.

Queen Victoria, too, created two military distinctions—the Victoria Cross and the Distinguished Service Order.

King Edward created only two Orders—the Order of Merit, which has only thirteen members, that is not counting the three honorary foreign members—and the Imperial Service Order. The King also has created two Orders—the Order of the British Empire and the Order of the

Central Press

A BRUSSELS CELEBRATION

The King and Queen of the Belgians, accompanied by Princess José, photographed at the ball held in Brussels by the Société de la Grande Harmonie. The ball was organized in honour of their Majesties' Silver Wedding

A NEW ZEALAND WEDDING *Topical*

Major Leonard Haviland, Military Secretary to the Governor-General, leaving St. Paul's Cathedral, Wellington, with his bride, Miss Helen Dorothea Fergusson. Mrs. Haviland is the only daughter of the Governor-General, Sir Charles Fergusson and Lady Alice Fergusson

Companions of Honour. The first is most elastic as to numbers, but the second, the existence of which seems known to few people, is restricted to fifty members. It is officially described "as an honour dissociated either from acceptance of title or the classification of merit, and carrying with it no title or precedence." It is given to men and women who have done

"conspicuous national service." Lord Burnham, Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir Thomas Hall Caine and the Marchioness of Lansdowne, are amongst the members.

The Military Cross was instituted as a decoration towards the end of the first four months of the War.

Marlborough House

THERE is a considerable amount of speculation as to the future of Marlborough House. It is an open secret that Queen Alexandra was anxious to give it up to the Prince of Wales, when she came to the decision that her health made her own residence there impossible. It is equally an open secret that the Prince preferred his quarters at York House in St. James's Palace. Marlborough House, with its big rooms, is certainly rather an overwhelming setting for a bachelor.

Something, of course, must happen—the house cannot stand derelict—and ever since it was bought for the late King Edward it has been the London home of two successive Princes of Wales. So the deduction seems obvious.

If the Prince should move into Marlborough House the Duke and Duchess of York will doubtless follow him at York House. However, there is much talk of the Prince remaining in his bachelor quarters, and his brother and sister-in-law going to Marlborough House. On this point your Bystander confesses that he is sceptical. Marlborough House costs a good deal in annual upkeep.

A WINTER RIDE *Topical*

Monsieur Charles Paravicini, the Swiss Minister, riding in the Row with his daughters under wintry conditions

RETRIEVERS ON TRIAL *Alfieri*

Sir Wyndham and Lady Childs with Major Bagnall at the Golden Retriever Trials which were held recently at Moor Park, Rickmansworth

An Eighteenth Century Squash

DO you ever dip into Mr. Horace Walpole? He wrote letters to Horatio Mann, our Envoy in Florence, at the Grand-Ducal Court of Tuscany, and to other correspondents, which, if you transposed coaches and sedan-chairs for railway trains and motors, might have been written yesterday.

Speaking of Marlborough House reminds me of one of his letters describing a party given there by the original owner of the house, Sarah Jennings, wife of the first Duke of Marlborough, the hero of Oudenarde and Ramilies, and to whom a grateful nation gave the palace of Blenheim.

"ARMED" AND ACCOUTRED PROPER *Sport and General*

Collegers turning out for the Eton Wall Game, which they won, on St. Andrew's Day. The side includes: P. A. Norman, P. H. Baynes, R. J. F. Lehmann, Q. McG. Hogg, W. F. Fawcett, P. St. J. Stirling, F. J. R. Coleridge, A. A. F. Haigh, C. E. Wrangham, P. M. Forrester and A. C. Spence

As at some modern parties there was a prodigious squash, and a crowd of great ladies with enormous hoops and high powdered wigs were trying to squeeze their way in through the door. "This is as bad as the Pass of Thermopylæ," said one dame to the then Countess of Northumberland (they were made Dukes afterwards).

"I've never heard the name of the street," replied that noble lady. For the other portion of her remark I refer you to the book. It's a case of other times, other ways of saying things.

Princess Victoria

THERE is considerable speculation, too, concerning Princess Victoria's future plans. Her whole life was devoted to Queen Alexandra. Ever since she was a girl she has been her mother's inseparable companion. I have heard, but I cannot vouch for the exact truth of it, that the Princess and Miss Charlotte Knollys may set up a little establishment together.

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THE MORNING'S BAG

Col. W. Selby Lowndes' shoot at Whaddon Hall, Bucks, photographed with the bag before lunch. The group shows Mr. MacRobert (left), Mr. Richard Selby Lowndes, Capt. Musgrave Hall, Miss Eileen Greenless, Col. and Mrs. W. Selby Lowndes, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Watts, and Sir George Abercromby

Sport and General

A WORCESTERSHIRE HOUSE PARTY

Members of Lord Doverdale's house-party at Westwood Park, Droitwich. The photograph shows, in the back row, Major the Hon. John Coke (left), Air-Marshal Sir John Salmond, Captain W. F. Egerton, and Major Douglas. In the front row are Viscount Coke (left), Lady Doverdale, Lord Doverdale, Mrs. Douglas, The Hon. Edward Partington and Viscount Cobham

What's Bred in the Bone

WHAT they call atavism—a harking back to type—is very odd sometimes. I know a man whose great-grandmother was a Frenchwoman. He is English of English, very much phlegmatic English—one of those people who never raise a hand or an eyebrow when they are talking, and never say a single word in italics. I've never seen him excited or ruffled.

This young man is wooing a constituency. Last week he asked me if I would go to one of his meetings. I did, and, frankly, through the biggest part of his speech I'm sure my mouth was wide open. I never was so amazed in my life.

This ordinarily phlegmatic and gestureless man was all gesture—almost ludicrously so. And the gestures weren't English. They were French!

You know the stock picture in our comic papers of the tall-hatted Frenchman with a flowing black tie—sometimes it's a waiter—his shoulders shrugged up close to his ears, his elbows pressed close to his sides, and his hands stretched out palms upward—an attitude of apologetic deprecation!

Well, whenever this sturdy, phlegmatic young Englishman made any reference to a certain political party—rabid adders and newly-ground scissors wouldn't drag the name from me—he fell into this particular gesture. His hands, too, were never still, and over and over again, just as French orators do, he raised both his arms above his head to emphasise some particular point.

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A LIGHTER MOMENT

Captain R. M. Griffin (left), Mr. Lucas, Major B. Worthington and General Sir Thomas Jackson relax temporarily from the cares of the day at Captain Griffin's shoot over the Warwick Castle coverts

Now, here is the odd point about it all. After the meeting he motored me back to his paternal abode where I was staying the night. On the way, he asked me, as an old friend of his family, to tell him exactly what I thought of his speech—and of his delivery.

I told him exactly what I thought—that is one of the few privileges of getting old. You can say the most unpleasant things, especially if you are asked, and nobody can hit you because they have to respect your weary burden of Anno Domini. Well, do you know, that young man hadn't the vaguest glimmer of a realisation that throughout the major part of his speech he had been rather like a monkey on a stick?

He said, "But I never moved my hands. I stuck both my thumbs into my waistcoat and I kept them there because I never know what to do with my hands. They feel like two frying-pans whenever I speak."

Certainly, he began his speech with his thumbs in that waistcoat refuge of angry fathers on the stage; of advice-giving uncles to foolish nieces in everyday life; and of parish councillors who are trying to keep calm when the vicar has murmured "Ananias!" after their eloquent denunciation of the vicar's neglect of the parish.

That young man hadn't the vaguest idea that within a couple of minutes of the beginning of his speech his arms were going like the sails of an old-fashioned windmill. And all his gestures were French, absolutely French, gestures that Englishmen never use.

So you see how your great-grandmother can come out on a platform. As I said at the beginning—atavism.

News Illus.

ON THE COURSE

Lady Grey and Mr. Delmege, the well-known amateur rider, at the Birmingham Steeplechases. Owing to three postponements occasioned by the frost, only one day's racing took place

The International Theatre Society

FOR the play-lovers amongst you, here is an interesting little item of news. We are to have an International Theatre in London. A six months' season will start on January 25th next, at the Polytechnic Theatre, under the patronage of six ambassadors and twenty-one ministers accredited to the Court of St. James's.

The plays, from practically all countries, have been translated into English. A new play will be produced every fortnight, so that each production can have twelve evening performances and two matinées. As fourteen countries are mentioned in the Society's circular before "etc.," people who join the Society will have a big range of European plays. Those who subscribe have the privilege of first-night tickets at much reduced prices.

Another Sale

EVERY week I seem to be writing about old houses that are being sold or turned into schools or institutions, or being broken up and being disposed of literally as bricks, lead, doors, window-frames, flooring and panelling. This gradual change in the use of the old country houses, or their disappearance when they are too big for school masters or mistresses, or the keepers of private lunatic asylums to face the racket of the rates and taxes, is becoming a commonplace.

But it is sad to hear that "Brickwall," the beautiful old black-and-white house near Northiam, in Sussex, where the Frewens have lived since the seventeen hundreds, is for sale. There isn't a more perfect garden in England than the one at "Brickwall." The Frewens are relations of Mr. Winston Churchill. A sister of his mother, the vivid and sparkling Lady Randolph Churchill, married a Frewen, a former owner of "Brickwall." Their daughter is Mrs. Clare Sheridan, who went to Moscow to make busts of Lenin and Trotsky.

Bertram Park

IN CHARITY'S CAUSE

A new and exclusive portrait of the Marchioness of Headfort. She is on the Committee for the Radio Revels to be held at Olympia on December 15, in aid of the Wireless for Hospitals Fund, organised by the B. B. C. with the co-operation of the Faculty of Arts

For Retired Officers

IT'S not only the owners of country houses and estates who are feeling the cruel pinch of present conditions. There

Alfieri

AT BIRMINGHAM

Three of the spectators at the recent steeplechase meeting at Birmingham successfully defying the cold weather. The photograph shows: Mrs. Lupton (left), Miss Wood, holding Miss M. Bullow's "Butcher Boy," and Miss Fleetwood

Hay Wrightson

MISS BARBARA VILLIERS

The elder daughter of the late Mr. E. A. Villiers and the Hon. Mrs. Villiers. Miss Villiers, who is a niece of Lord Wimborne, is to marry Brig-General Sir Hill Childs on December 16, at St. Margaret's, Westminster

Hay Wrightson

THE HON. PEGGY COVENTRY

Whose wedding to Mr. Eustace Benyon Hoare, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hoare, of Chelsworth Hall, Suffolk, takes place on Friday, December 11, at St. Margaret's. She is the younger daughter of Lord and Lady Deerhurst.

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A BRIDE-TO-BE

Miss Pamela Gladstone, the younger daughter of the late Mr. W. B. Gladstone and Mrs. Gladstone of Ormonde Gate. Her engagement was recently announced to Mr. E. G. Tennyson d'Eyncourt, only son of Sir Eustace Tennyson d'Eyncourt, K.C.B.

is one section of the community which feels the pinch more hardly than anybody else. This section is the retired naval or military officer, and the retired civil servant. There are thousands of them.

Before the War their pensions made life possible and agreeable. Those pensions to-day make their life a nightmare. What with taxation and the cost of living, it is impossible for them to give their sons the education they themselves received.

The majority of these men have held high administrative posts and have gained position and pension by the application of trained brain and intelligence in the service of the country. After their retirement how many of these capable officers and Civil Servants, spend their lives playing golf all day and bridge every evening, just because there is nothing else to do " at home " ?

Hay Wrightson

A DECEMBER BRIDE

Miss Doris Wignall who is to marry Captain Robert Arthur Grosvenor, only son of Lord and Lady Arthur Grosvenor to-day (Wednesday). The wedding takes place at St. Mark's, North Audley St.

AT THE RECEPTION *Bassano*

Capt. Walter Hungerford Pollen, M.C., second son of Captain F. H. Pollen, R.N., and Mrs. Pollen, with his bride, Miss Rosaland Frances Benson, the daughter of Mr. R. H. and Mrs. Benson, of Buckhurst, Sussex, after their wedding at St. Margaret's Westminster

A Striking Exhibition

A show of more than usual interest is the Applied Arts and Handcrafts Exhibition, which was opened on Monday, December 7, by Princess Louise at the Royal Horticultural Hall. This is not, strictly speaking, a commercial venture, but is held with the object of giving individual craftsmen a chance to display their work.

The exhibition, which closes on December 11, by the way, contains many novel features, including a model of the Prince of Wales's Canadian ranch, which has not been exhibited before. Containing many opportunities for the purchase of beautiful and original Christmas presents, the exhibition is well worth a visit from everyone interested in Applied Arts.

THE RUGGER WORLD

WHO WOULD BE A SELECTOR?

By "PENDARVES"

It is just about this time of year that the elusive body of gentlemen, known as the Rugby Union Selection Committee, begin, one must suppose, to get really busy. Does anyone want their job?

Let us take a quick peep at the sort of task that confronts them at this stage in the Rugger season. They should, strictly speaking, be present at every game in which any members of last season's English Fifteen are playing, and at any game in which well-known likely men are engaged. But as there are only a handful of these potentates functioning, and as there were last Saturday, for example, about a couple of dozen important matches in progress throughout the country, the task of adequate selection is, to say the least of it, a little onerous.

There are, first of all, the two 'Varsities to study. That is not difficult, because one gets them all at once at Twickenham. But, even so, take the scrum-half position as a case in point. There is our last year's man, A. T. Young. There is also W. I. N. Strong, of Oxford, and W. H. Sobey, of Cambridge. There is also F. M. T. Bunney, the Richmond scrum-half—and G. C. Taylor, of Gloucester, and several others, all working scrums with dash and inspiration.

The threequarter line presents even more difficulties. Names for these positions leap instantly into the mind. Five flyers for the wing positions in Hamilton-Wickes, Gibbs, Jacob Richardson, and possibly Wynne, of Blackheath, at present on the casualty list, and several more up in the North. Corbett is still one of the pillars of England's constructive back play, and when Pickles is playing with him in the centre you have two men who thoroughly understand one another, and the centre threequarter game even better. Little Wainwright, of the Harlequins, who seems to play equally resourcefully at centre three or full back, is surely worthy of inclusion in a Trial. There are at least six other threes one could mention, all playing brilliant football at the moment, and all "under the eye" of the inscrutable authorities.

Of course, when one comes to the forwards the puzzle is even more obtuse. There are certain people whom, barring accidents, one may regard as certainties. Wakefield is the first. Tom Voyce would seem to be another. I have not seen him this season yet, but they say he is as inimitable as ever. Price's injury disposes of him. But are they going to include Cove-Smith and Blakiston? And what about "Simposh" (S. P. Simpson), that hefty Harlequin forward who was well in the running for a cap last year? He is playing as well as ever this season; and if he can get an extension of Air Force leave from Iraq he is one of the many "probables." One had thought our wing forward position was assured this year in the person of Johnny Chick, of the R.A.F. and Harlequins, of whose outstanding ability I have written frequently. Now, however, a serious rival has emerged in D. F. Landale, of Oxford, and one or two authorities have stated that they prefer Landale. They have played on opposing sides twice already—Chick for the 'Quins and for Major R. V. Stanley's XV against Oxford, and on both occasions they were carefully scrutinised. Landale is the bigger and heavier of the two, with much the same genius for getting away on the ball and much the same turn of speed. I have seen Landale four times (and Chick about forty), and confess there seems little to choose between them. Chick's great fault is a tendency to off-side. But he plays with his head more than does Landale, or so it seems to me. Unfortunately, one can wring no sentiment out of a Selection Committee, I suppose. If one could there is the fact that this is Chick's last season at home before he continues to fly fighting machines for his Service overseas; and if it was decided there was "nothing to choose between them"—well. . . .

England is still without a really brilliant full back. H. W. F. Franklin is only a back of possibilities, and has been for several seasons. He does not improve. C. J. King-Turner is sound and "safe-ish," but mediocre according to precedent. Even when you look round mentally in the North names occur to you, but they are only a sort of compromise. Holliday is, surely, not worth his place again? There seems to be no outstanding personalities, as there are in Drysdale for Scotland—at present injured and a doubtful starter for Oxford on the 10th. Nor have we even got so promising a young full back as 'Andy' Dykes, of whom more will be heard presently unless I am much mistaken.

It is in the full back business that the Selectors' job is the hardest of all. And if they don't produce a good man everyone says "why on earth?" . . . etc. These gentlemen have all my sympathies—if it is of any use to them—which is doubtful!

As an interesting sidelight on Welsh Rugger, and its gradual death in Wales—for so it would appear—when Swansea played Chelsea recently in the Second League Soccer match 10,000 of the Swansea inhabitants came up by special trains to London to see the game. If anyone had said fifteen years ago that Swansea, the town which for years had the greatest Rugger side in the kingdom, would be doing this sort of thing to-day, people would have tapped their foreheads meaningly and turned away to more intelligent matters.

Sport and General

A "DOWN-UNDER" WINNER

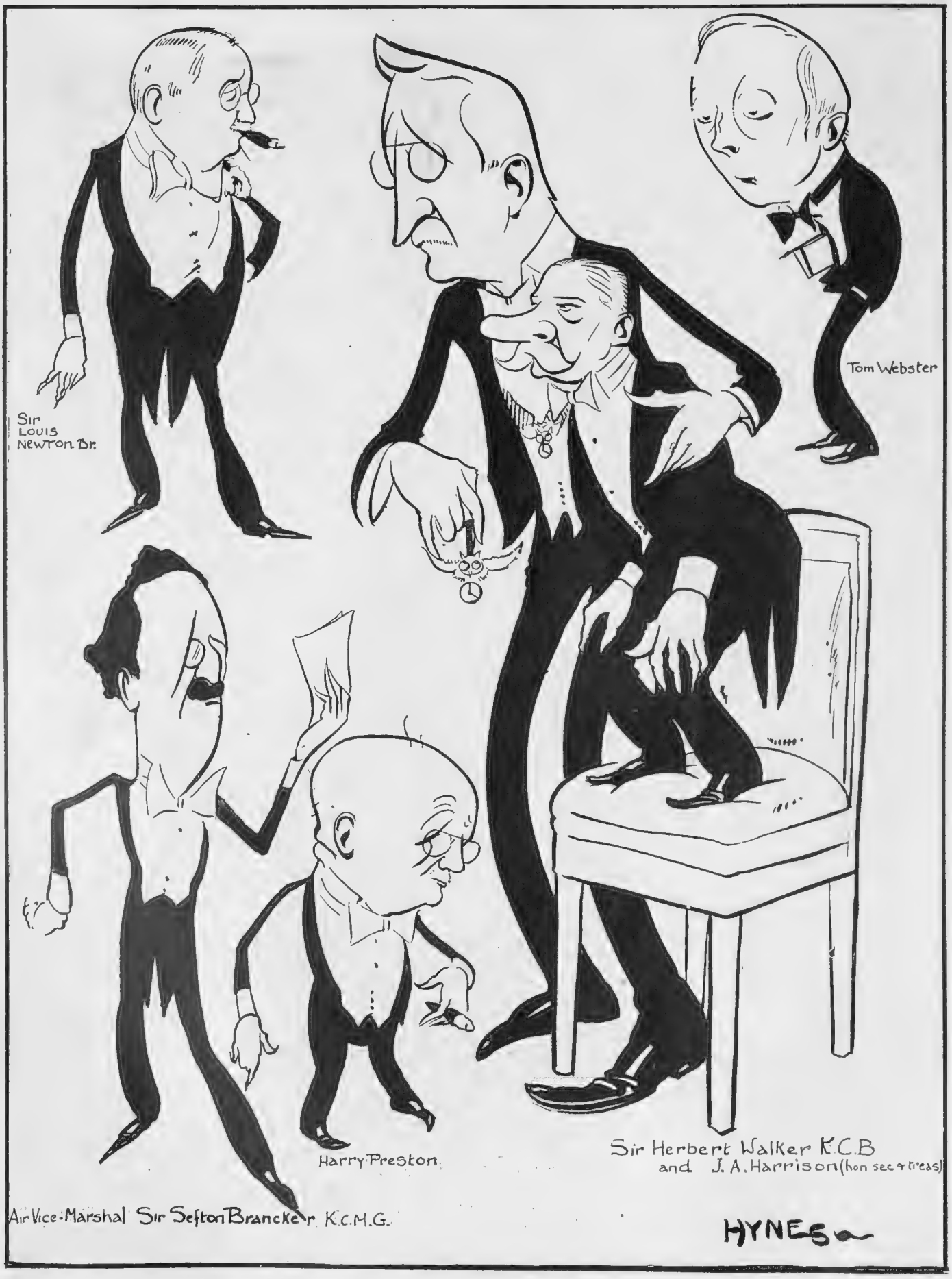
Mr. I. H. Horton, winner of the New Zealand Amateur Golf Championship, with the spoils of victory. The championships were played over the links of the Wellington Club

Shades of Difference at Twickenham

BY MAC

Some of the thirty warriors who will solve the annual "colour" question of whether it is to be a Dark Blue or Light Blue Rugger Victory. The 'Varsity match is fought to-morrow (Thursday) at Twickenham, when the better side will again win, or lose—it's all a matter of opinion!

An Eccentric Gathering



BY HYNES

Our artist's impression of some of the leading lights of the Eccentric Club, culled at the 35th Anniversary Dinner which was recently held at the Hotel Cecil. On this occasion, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. A. Harrison, was installed as an honorary life member

Photograph IN THE SUNNY SOUTH *A. S. A.*

A view of the famous harbour at Cannes, which is rapidly filling up with the vast numbers of pleasure yachts which visit it during the season

The Riviera Week by Week

THE blizzards and tempests which have afflicted most parts of France last week failed, as usual, to disturb the serenity of our daily life on this sheltered part of the Mediterranean coast. There were sharp frosts at nights, and a light sprinkling of snow was seen on the hillside near by—a very rare spectacle here, especially at this time of year—but the air was crisp and exhilarating and the sunshine brilliant and comforting. Male golfers wore their warmest (and loudest) sweaters at Mont Agel, Mandelieu, Valescure and the rest of our many golf courses, and ladies were seen going around the links in what the club humourist described as their "plus furs." I saw many swimmers, however, disporting themselves each morning in the sea at Cannes, not because the Municipality has promised to distribute souvenir medals to those who swim during the winter months, but for the much better reason that they really enjoy it.

THE news of the death of Queen Alexandra was received with the keenest regret by the British colonies all along the Riviera, which have many close associations with our Royal Family, and signs of mourning were seen everywhere. Numerous prominent personalities who were on the point of travelling southward for their usual winter holiday delayed their departure in order to attend the State Funeral service at Westminster Abbey, while some of the well-known residents and visitors returned to London for the sad occasion. One of the first to start northward was Prince Christian of Hesse, who has a charming villa at Cannes. He is doubly concerned in this great national bereavement, for in addition to his relationship with King George, he is also closely connected with the Danish Royal Family, and his mother, who is nine months older than the late Queen-Mother, was brought up with her. After the ceremony the Prince left for a short visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Huntley at Orton Hall, the Marchioness being an old school-friend of the mother of Princess Christian of Hesse in America.

AT every Riviera resort there were public memorial services in which practically the whole of the British residents and visitors took part, and it is good to record that they were joined by the Prefect of the Alpes Maritimes, the Mayors of the various towns, and all the leading French officials, as well as by large numbers of Americans who wished to pay their last tribute to one of the most charming figures in modern history. The Duke of Connaught unfortunately caught a slight cold and was unable to attend any of the services. At Cannes a remarkable service was held at St. George's Church, which was built and endowed by the Royal Family. The chaplain, the Rev. C. Senhouse Ryder, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. R. W. Lloyd Owen, of Christ Church, the Rev. Dr. Miller, of the Scots Church, and Admiral Lord Wester Wemyss, who read the lesson. The congregation was the largest and most representative ever seen in these parts, and included the British Vice-Consul, Mr. J. G. Taylor, the Mayor of Cannes and members of the Municipal Council, the officer commanding the garrison at Antibes, the Duc and Duchesse de Vendôme, Prince Régnier de Bourbon-Siciles, the Grand-Duke Michael and Countess Torby, Princess Christian of Hesse, Princess Pless, Princess Karageorgevitch, Lord Wolverton, Countess Sondes, the Hon. Lady Egerton, the Hon. Alexander Macdonald, Miss Ponsonby, Margaret Lady Waterlow, Sir Francis and Lady Elliot, Sir Stuart and Lady Coats, Sir Coleridge and Lady Kennard, Maud Lady Orr-Lewis, General Sir Arthur Paget, the

ON THE LINKS *Sport and General*

Sir Ronald Graham, the British Ambassador, on the links with the Duchess di Galese. The photograph was taken on the course of the Roman Golf Club at Acqua Santa

Hon. Sir Alan Johnstone, Lady Wester Wemyss and the Hon. Alice Wemyss, Baron de Ramsay, Sir William and Lady Milton, Sir Harry and Lady Ross Skinner, Mr. W. J. Locke, Sir Louis Mallet, Colonel and Mrs. Scott-Harden, the Consuls of Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Chili and Holland, and countless others.

AMONG the latest purchasers of property here is the Hon. Esmond Harmsworth, M.P., who has bought the Villa Allegria at Cannes. It was for many years the home of the Chapman family, and during the past few seasons Viscount and Viscountess Portman have visited there. The Anglo-Indian element on the Riviera grows stronger every year; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moon, who have a large estate in Kashmir, have taken the Villa Sappho, near the Carlton, for the season, and Mr. Moon has left for a trip to India. Mrs. Moon is an all-round sportswoman, very much at home on a polo pony, and has the distinction of being the first woman to have indulged in skiing in the Himalayas.

THE Duc and Duchesse de Vendôme are at the Château St. Michel, and the Grand-Duke Michel and Countess Torby are at the Villa Luna Nuova for the season. People are speculating as to what will happen should the Grand-Duke chance to encounter M. Chicherin, the Soviet Ambassador in Paris, who is down here for a fortnight's vacation. For the sake of the peaceful atmosphere, which is one of our chief delights on this part of the Mediterranean coast, it is to be hoped that no such *contretemps* may occur!

OTHER recent arrivals include Sir Mortimer and Lady Davis at Les Glaeuls, Captain and Mrs. Geoffrey Hill, who are at the Grand; Mrs. Edgar N. Rhodes, wife of the Hon. Edgar Rhodes, K.C., Prime Minister of Nova Scotia and formerly Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, who is also at the Grand with her daughter; Miss Phyllis Monkman, who is dancing most nights, but not to order, or behind any footlights; Sir Albert and Lady Stern, staying at the Villa Valetta with Lady Stern's mother, Maud, Lady Orr-Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Masser-Horniman, of Woodcote Manor, Alresford, who have bought the Château Louis XIII, which occupies the most dominating position on the Californie Hill.

AN ITALIAN HUNT *Sport and General*

Countess Calvi di Bergolo formerly Princess Yolanda of Italy (right) and the Marchesa Godi di Godio with the Master at the opening meet of the Rome Hunt Club

ONE of the main topics of conversation at Monte Carlo lately is the forthcoming Automobile Rally and meeting, which has been arranged jointly by the International Sporting Club, the Automobile Club of Monaco, and "L'Auto" of Paris. Competitors may start from any point in Europe, selecting their own route, and must try to reach Monte Carlo on January 20th, and for some weeks the slogan will be "All roads lead to Monte Carlo!" All, that is to say, except those by-roads which may be taken by motorists holding their maps upside down or misunderstanding the directions of well-meaning natives encountered *en route*. From the way in which the preliminary announcement has been welcomed, it is evident that this is going to be one of the most interesting sporting events of the season, and there should be a large number of entries before Christmas Day, on which they close. M. Renee Leon, who is proving so able an administrator at Monte Carlo, and whose years at Oxford University have enabled him to understand so well and to cater so excellently for the amusement of English visitors, is to be congratulated on the attractive programme he has prepared for the season.

AMONG other recent arrivals in Nice are Sir Henry and Lady Drake Brockman, Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Reynolds, Colonel J. Elitz (formerly of the Imperial Russian Guards), who is the guest of Prince Don Jaime de Bourbon, also of the same Guards, Mr. Joseph Grossman, General Manager of the Stoll Film Company, Prince Henry and Princess Anne of Orleans, and several of the American aviators who have been flying in Morocco with the French Army.

ST. RAPHAEL continues to expand, and there is some delightful country around the town which is quietly being bought up by long-sighted people who propose to establish themselves in pleasant villas there in the near future.

DOUGLAS W. THORBURN.

A WELCOME RETURN *Topical*

An interesting group of the officers of the Cossacks, who have returned to London, and are giving their unique performance at the Holland Park Rink. The group shows: Col. Lavroff (left), Gen. Malychenko, Gen. Vlassoff, Col. De Scriabin, Col. de Seydeler, Col. Gamaly, M.C., Gen. Count Zouboff, and Count Radgowsky

From "Down Under"

Hay Wrightson

MISS AILSA CULLEN

A charming young member of Australian Society. Her father, Sir William Portus Cullen, K.C.M.G., has been Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales since 1910

"LIONEL AND CLARISSA"

AT THE LYRIC HAMMERSMITH

Produced October 28, 1925

By "JINGLE"

Illustrated by MACMICHAEL

ALWAYS when I visit this theatre I feel as if I were at the Temple of the Muses—especially of Euterpe the Well-pleasing—and that the function is more of a ceremony than a mere entertainment. This impression is all the greater in the present instance, since the very English music of Dibdin has much of the gentle simplicity of the Ancient and Modern Hymnary. Mr. Nigel Playfair, the presiding genius of this home for resurrected operas, is so happy in his choice and so amazingly thorough in his production, that his *flair* for excellence of quality seems to be like the traditional profanity of the navvy, an adjective gift. The audiences, composed for the most part of instructed people, come as devotees to a shrine, and at times the applause is positively frantic.

Bertram Park

ADMIRATION BELOW-STAIRS

Clarissa's maid, Jenny (Nadine March) deeply impressed by the worldly wisdom of Jenkins (C. Hayden Coffin) who has certainly not wasted his sixty-three years

THE story of the opera has all the pleasant guilelessness of the music. The heroine (charmingly represented by Miss Olive Groves) ear-marked, as it were, by her father, for a certain young man's bride, ends by becoming affianced to another to whom she is more devoted. We should have been disappointed if the result had been otherwise. The certain young man is "Mr. Jessamy," an amusingly exaggerated study in foppery by Mr. Rupert Bruce, who, however, drops the mask of buffoonery when he occasionally breaks out into tuneful song. "Mr. Jessamy's" father is Colonel Oldboy, a robust performance by Mr. Playfair, who seems to get as much enjoyment out of his part as his audiences do. The Colonel is a product of the age of Smollett, and his morals are contemporaneous with the laxity of the period. We are given to understand that the Colonel's lady has already condoned her husband's lapses more than once, but he still enjoys a local reputation as a pretty swift goer for his age and weight.

THERE is, for instance, Jenny, who is Clarissa's maid. She is a bright and frolicsome girl, played by Miss Nadine March, whose portrait gives the impression of a sportive but quite wholesome young creature. In an age in which apparently every gentleman of consequence regarded female servants as born for his bidding, a professed maiden, like our sporting champions, had constantly to fight in order to retain her title. The jovial Colonel reveals his admiration of the lively Jenny after the boisterous manner of the time. He calls her playfully a "slut," and orders her to kiss him, and when she refuses compliance he protests that he is of a mind to take her into "keeping," and lodge her in one of the cottages on his estate, satisfied in his own mind that no reasonable young woman could desire a brighter destiny than that. This light and airy scene is punctuated with shrieks of feminine laughter throughout; but whether the whole-hearted mirth is provoked by the Colonel's impudence, or the maid's ridiculous hesitation in refusing his terms, I am, of course, unable to say.

THE "Lionel" of the opera is sturdily represented by Mr. Wilfred Temple, another of the much-applauded singers of the production. He is a "good young man," destined for Holy Orders, and he is keenly remorseful, not only that he should have presumed to fall in love with Clarissa, but also that Clarissa should have fallen so completely in love with him. For he is only the penniless dependent of Sir John Flowerdale, Clarissa's father, and it would be obviously impossible to imagine the splendid Clarissa as the wife of the usual curate with very small means and a very large family. But in an entirely good-natured play of this kind, romance is naturally given every encouragement towards a happy ending. The plot was conceived in the brave old days before the realists were born to plague us with their

dismal contention that fiction should present life as it is. But life, as it is, proves to be a pretty drab affair for most of us, and, therefore, we run to fiction to read of life as we wish it was. A daintily amusing song is given by the lovers in Sir John Flowerdale's garden. Inspired by the brightness of the moon and the stars, they protest harmoniously that it is an ideal night for Love. It is true that most writers of romance speak of the lovers' fondness for the shining moon, though I have been told that it is when the moon is hidden that lovers are most inspired. But what can they know of Love who only lovers know?

BEHIND FATHER'S BACK [*Bertram Park*

Mr. Harman (Ivan Samson) a good young man who is not too good, however, to miss the opportunity of putting in a little decorous love-making with Colonel Oldboy's daughter, Diana (Stella Seagar).

A SECOND love-affair is supplied by the clandestine affection of Mr. Harman for the Colonel's daughter, Diana, who on one occasion confesses to her maid, the sprightly Jenny, that she has taken the bold step of receiving letters from a strange gentleman, and of answering them. In an age when young ladies had to be constantly on their guard against designing men, it was naturally the prevailing sentiment that such a step was rash to a degree. You will remember W. S. Gilbert's ballad of the bashful maid who confessed: "I blush to say I've winked at him, and he has winked at me!" Nowadays, of course, when things have gone so far as the exchange of amatory epistles, the lady in the case will at once consider it her duty to make an appointment with the young man to go with her and choose the furniture for the home.

THE humour of this clandestine courtship is emphasised by the detail that Diana is the Colonel's daughter. When Mr. Harman admits in vague terms to being in love with a fine young lady, with no hope of obtaining the father's consent, the Colonel points out that it is the young man's solemn duty in such a case to elope with the girl. He goes even to the length of offering the young couple a bed-chamber in his own house, stipulating only that they must first of all have been duly married, as his wife is a little squeamish in respect to formalities of the kind. He himself it would appear is not disposed to worry over trivial details in matters of that sort. It is true that Mr. Harman and Diana make some show of eloping; but their flight comes to nothing in the end, as the wholly pleasant nature of the story forbids the discomfiture that would naturally ensue to the gallant Colonel.

IT is good to meet again Miss Lottie Venne, seemingly as young, and certainly as graceful, as ever. The few lines given to Miss Venne to speak have a sparkle of their own that is made quite brilliant by this charming lady's pointed delivery. Other old friends in the cast are Mr. C. Hayden Coffin and Mr. Herbert Waring. Mr. Coffin, who has, of course, grown up in musical comedy, sings jovially to the effect that at sixty-three a man shows signs of wear; but the signs are barely discernible in his own case, especially when he favours us with an agreeably agile dance. Mr. Waring is, of course, his own stately self, and is thus well-suited with the part of the imposing father of Clarissa. The revival of this extremely English opera at Hammersmith is entirely delightful, and will certainly prove to be to the taste of the discriminating public that Mr. Playfair has made his own. Gentlemen who dutifully escort their ladies to Hammersmith may be reminded, under the rose, that owing to our unintelligent legislature they may not lawfully obtain a whisky-and-soda after ten o'clock in the evening. What they may obtain unlawfully I am far too high-minded to be able to conjecture. JINGLE

MOTLEY MUSINGS

BY HARTLEY CARRICK

A MURDERER had his sentence last week commuted to penal servitude for life. No noose was certainly good news in that instance.

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A SEASONABLE tip for gardeners: Be careful now how you rake your vegetable garden, as weeds are the beetroot of all evil.

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A WELL-KNOWN lady economist states that the working-classes will be better off in 1926. Unless she's a sapphira, higher wages will then be paid by Labour's hirers.

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AT this time of year there is always an argument as to where the mistletoe should be hung. Some say under the chandelier; others over the dining-room door; but it really doesn't matter where — if it is only getatable!

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THE rumour that foot-and-mouth disease has broken out in the Communist Party is only half true. Their feet are all right.

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WE understand that there has been a big increase in the demand for the Volga boot song.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes to say that football as played in Tudor times was infinitely more dangerous than it is to-day. Evidently they hadn't started to cut out the ruff stuff.

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A COLLAR-STUD is reported to have been found in a cow's stomach. We should like greatly to know how a cow could get under a wash-stand.

"COME up and jine de army of de Lord," shouted the negro preacher.

"I'se done jined," remarked one of the congregation.

"What'd yo' jine?" asked the preacher.

"In de Baptis' Church."

"Why, chile, yo' ain't in the army; yo's in the navy!"

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WHEN a man tells a woman that he worships the very ground she treads on, it is quite possible that he is referring to her estates.

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GAS, we understand, is to become cheaper. It is safe to venture on such a statement while our legislators are sitting at Westminster.

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FROM a provincial journal we learn that Socrates died from an overdose of shamrock. We were always inclined to believe that his trouble was occasioned by too much wedlock.

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ANSWER to Correspondent: No, Bobby, although your uncle refuses to buy you that bicycle, we are afraid that you could not bring an action for Gamages.

THE MEN THAT PLAYED WITH POULTON

To Whom It May Concern

The men that played with Poulton a dozen years ago,
And those that played with Tristram long before,
They knew a thing or two, and they fought as hard as you,
But they'd not disgrace the colours that they wore.

The men that played with Poulton, they were sportsmen all the time;
They took hard knocks and when they took 'em grinned;
And when they met a foe, tackled hard and tackled low,
But they didn't shove an elbow in his wind.

The men that played with Poulton, they were keen as you might be,
And they generally used to make things hum:
They could hook and they could heel; they could shove and they could wheel;
But they didn't lift their knees up in the scrum!

The men that played with Poulton, they were out to win the game,
And their methods were as fair as they were free;
And they didn't brag and boast, yet were trickier than most,
But they didn't try to trick the referee!

The men that played with Poulton, they were men who loved the game,
Men who played it fairly, squarely, through and through;
They were beaten now and then, but behaved like gentlemen,
And—the lesson might be learnt by some of you!

TWO OF A KIND — BY STAN TERRY

FAMILY SOLICITOR: "But bigamy! My dear fellow, what could you have been thinking of?"
BLACK SHEEP: "Well, you know how this darned collectin' craze grows on one!"

Her Master's Choice

BY BATCHELOR

SALESWOMAN: "Is there any particular costume you are interested in, sir?"

THE SOLITARY MAN: "Well, as a matter of fact, I really came along to choose a pair of stockings for my wife!"

PARISIANA "By René"

Illustrated by MARCEL PONCIN

"The most harmonious line"

MES AMIS—

Sans doute such an unwelcome affirmation will be strenuously contradicted, but it really does seem to me that Paris, in many respects, has lost its "touch," what with painters who can't paint, playwrights who can't plot and *littérateurs* who can't write. I do not mean to allege, of course, that there is nobody who can do any of these things, but to emphasise how many of those who claim to be doing them, and who have bands of supporters proclaiming their triumph, are failing to get anywhere near accomplishment.

IT would be easy, and much more satisfactory, to pass over such lack of achievement in silence, but for the provocation which comes from these camps. Here is Paul Souday, *par exemple*, outstanding among the literary critics, "boosting" a little book of Stéphane Mallarmé, followers of whom look down with scorn on readers of merely average intelligence. And, as if it were an additional recommendation, he lays stress on the fact that though he has read it three times he does not yet understand it all.

WHAT a hope for us if Souday, whose talent for piercing obscurities is unquestioned, still cannot see clearly after three sympathetic attempts! The supreme virtue of French literature, always, has been clarity. Where have we got to when those who have the task of guiding public taste recommend works which they cannot understand themselves? Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case. The same sort of thing is happening every week.

THE "Jeunes" among authors are regularly producing works which are said to be wondrously clever in the parts that are unintelligible. Simultaneously, the most pretentious among the young painters can only paint woman in the grossest and most grotesque shapes—and this in a period when the *couturiers* have accorded woman the most harmonious line she has been able to assume for many generations—while their counterparts among the playwrights not only inflict upon us plays which are utterly without plots, but insist, with all their mighty air of superiority, their talents are so great that they have no need of mere plots in such great plays as those with which they favour the world.

IT was a relief to find Robert de Flers bluntly declaring, after enduring "L'Infidèle éperdu" at the New Théâtre de la Michodière, that M. Jacques Natanson had *manqué sa pièce*, for practically everybody else, afraid to become *déclassé* if they revealed a failure to appreciate the *capitaine* of the "Jeunes," had been saying what a wonderful play it was. And all it amounted to was a very protracted insistence on the fact that a flighty husband who found a mistress in every female client that visited his law offices, without a thought for the feelings of his wife who could not fail to know, was quite hurt when he saw his wife kissed by another fellow. A rather tardy discovery for the genius the twenty-four-year-old Natanson is claimed to be.

AFTER an experience like a night of Natanson's sex psychology, what a delight to share in the triumphal reopening of the other "new" Paris theatre, the richly-renovated Marigny, with "Monsieur Beaucaire." And though "Beaucaire" is old to an English auditor, it brought us more of the new than the supposedly new piece of Natanson, for M. André Messager has written special music for this French

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"Young painters who can only paint woman in the most grotesque shapes"

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BY BLAM

A "OISEAU MESSAGER D'AMOUR" IN THE "REVUE DU MOULIN-ROUGE"

CABARETS IN COLOUR: No. III.—

Our artist's impression of one of the scenes in "The Piccadilly Revels," which take place nightly in the ball is now so popular and well-established a feature

—"THE PICCADILLY REVELS"

BY M. MACMICHAEL

ballroom at supper-time. The Piccadilly Hotel has done much to foster the spirit of cabaret which ture of the night-life in the West End

BY WEBSTER MURRAY

FÊTE CHINOIS

THE LIFE OF A LAD

BY ARTHUR MILLS

Illustrated by A. WALLIS MILLS

WHITE HUNTER—NO GOOD

"Fizz drew himself up and said, 'They shall be all lords'"

WE were down in the Embassy Bar.

Now the Embassy Bar is nothing if not cosmopolitan, and there was an American there—a Mr. Pepp van Hussle, whom Fizz had met somewhere. There was also an Argentine and a Greek (I think). The Argentine and the Greek were having cocktails, because in England they felt they had to, though they would infinitely have preferred black coffee in small cups. The American was having cocktails because he liked them. He was upon his sixth when we came in.

Mr. Pepp van Hussle was apparently touring the world, doing as much in the time as possible. In East Africa he had done some big game shooting. Very dissatisfied he was.

"I hired a man," he said, "that they call out there a white hunter. That guy said he'd sure see I got a lion. Waal, we spent a week and didn't see a water rat. Then a lion came along, and I shot him, and he got into some long grass.

"'Let's get the lion and go along home,' I says to this chap that calls himself a white hunter.

"'He's only wounded,' says he, pointing to the long grass, where the old lion was lying talking to himself pretty loud, for I guess I'd stung him up some.

"'I know that,' I says. 'Now you go get him; that's what I paid you for.'

"That fellow, he gave me a look kinder indignant, then he walked straight into that long grass where you couldn't see a foot in front of you, and I heard more noises from the lion and then a shot."

Soon after he comes out.

"'Your lion's dead now,' says this white hunter chap, 'and you can go in and get him yourself.' With that he walks away.

"'You're fired,' I calls after him; but I never saw him again, and he never sent to draw his money."

Mr. van Hussle turned to us, evidently expecting sympathy.

Fizz regarded him, and anyone not knowing Fizz would have thought his look one of admiration; but I, who had seen that peculiar twinkle in Fizz's eyes before, knew otherwise. Fizz had scented game. There would shortly be developments.

Developments came all right—fast enough even to satisfy the American.

Mr. van Hussle mentioned he'd like to get some shooting while he was over in England, adding that money didn't matter.

"That'll be easy," said Fizz.

"I want the best grouse moor in Scotland," said Mr. van Hussle.

"You shall have it," said Fizz.

"Shoot Thursday. I'm sailing Saturday."

"Shoot by searchlight, if you like—good fun—brings the birds to the butts like moths to a candle."

"No; I guess night-time we'll drink."

Fizz made no objections.

"But, say," said Mr. van Hussle, "for shooting you ought to have a party. I don't know any folks over here."

"I'll arrange a party. How many would you like?" asked Fizz.

"Waal, say six. An' I'd like a lord if he'd come," added Mr. van Hussle, a little wistfully.

Fizz drew himself up. "They shall be all lords. Now Mr. van Hussle, if you will wait here, I will have everything arranged by luncheon time."

Even the American was a little surprised at the rate at which matters were progressing.

"Say!" he called after Fizz, "I'll want a dog, won't I?"

"I'll get you one," Fizz called back.

Bidding me follow him, Fizz hastened down Bond Street, stopping for a moment before a window whence two Pekinese in baskets had turned their backs sourly on the passers-by. He dashed into this shop, coming out with a small white pup with a large head, no recognisable pedigree, and an intelligent expression. Then we went on to a club frequented by Fizz's friends.

Promise of a free shoot and free drinks readily procured six guns, all members of the Peerage, though some delay arose owing to two of their lordships having temporarily disposed of their guns and lost the tickets. However, the whole party, including the dog, managed to muster at King's Cross in time to catch the midnight Scotch express.

Mr. van Hussle was highly delighted with Fizz's arrangements, which included rent of grouse moor, castle and use of dog. No general shooting could take place on Thursday owing to all

the party, excepting the host, being overcome by the exceptional quality of the fare. Money (as Mr. van Hussle had promised) was no object.

However, Fizz and Mr. van Hussle went out to try their luck in the afternoon. Without success, I gathered, for Fizz said that Mr. van Hussle had told him he was no good as a white hunter either.

"There is only one way that fellow will ever get a bird," said Fizz to me thoughtfully, after recounting the chances our host had missed.

On Friday there was a general muster for the moors. Accompanied by the dog, which seemed to have taken a great affection to him, Mr. van Hussle stationed himself in the centre butt, his guests ranged on either flank. Beside him Fizz had placed a hamper, which he told the American contained lunch.

In due course a fine pack of grouse were seen approaching, and work began. Of all the guns none shot with more determination and vigour than the host. In fact, Mr. van Hussle literally blazed away as though his life depended on it. His shots raked the neighbouring butts, singed the grass in front of him, and flew perpendicularly to heaven. However, the keenest observer could not detect that he made a hit.

When all was over, Mr. van Hussle turned to the small dog that all the while had sat by him critically watching the proceedings, waved his arm, and made encouraging noises.

The dog regarded him, but did not move.

"Good dog then—seek!" said Mr. van Hussle, imitating Fizz's orders to his own retriever.

The little dog still didn't move.

Mr. van Hussle became irritated. He advanced threateningly upon the dog.

"Pick up the birds, will you—you perishing little piker!"

The dog barked furiously. Fizz came across.

"What's up?"

"I'm telling that darned dog to pick up my birds."

The little dog barked again. Fizz looked at the dog. "That's his way of saying, 'What birds?'" he said.

"*What birds!*" shouted Mr. van Hussle, to the amusement of the whole party, who had now gathered round.

"Never mind; we'll all have lunch," said Fizz, soothingly.

"But I want some birds," protested Mr. van Hussle. "You said I'd have some to take home, cold storage, ones I'd killed myself," he added, plaintively.

Fizz bent down, opened the hamper, and disclosed a startled hen. Removing the hen, he pointed to a dozen eggs lying in straw.

"Mr. van Hussle," he said, "if you want some birds you've killed yourself, you'd better take that broody hen and those twelve eggs on the boat with you."

And those who feel Fizz dealt hardly with a stranger must remember that Mr. van Hussle had said that as a white hunter Fizz was no good.

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GOING FULL STRETCH

This photograph is not of a swimming lesson in progress, but merely shows those well-known dancers "Les Germaines" in action. They are at present appearing in the "Folies Bergère" Revue at the Palladium

Skinned !

BY WILMOT LUNT

"Sad affair, your wife slipping on a banana skin"
"Yes—they carried her into a hat shop"

Sporting Occasions in Ireland:

INTERESTED ONLOOKERS

Mrs. W. H. Hall, of Carlow (centre), with Captain Hall, of Warrenpoint (right), and two competitors, keenly interested in one of the events at the Spaniel Trials at Castle Dillion

A QUICK DELIVERY

"Hordsford Nancy" delivering to Mrs. W. H. Hall, who is Master of the Carlow Hounds

Photographs] A GROUP OF COMPETITORS *[Thomas Bell*

A photograph of the entrants in the Second Annual Meeting of the Armagh Spaniel Field Trials, which was held at Castle Dillion, County Armagh, recently. North and South Ireland were well represented at the trials

Two Events Recorded by the Camera

ARRIVING AT THE MEET

Followers and lookers-on at a recent meet of the Waterford Hounds at Sporthouse. The photograph shows: Miss Russell (left), Lady Goff, Mr. Richard Russell, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Goff, and Mr. Lionel Richardson

Photographs] GOOD SPORT AHEAD

Lady Patricia Beresford (left) with Mrs. A. Stanley Clarke and Major A. Stanley Clarke waiting for their mounts, while out with the Waterford

MRS. SPARKS [*Poole, Waterford*

Who has temporarily left England to hunt in Ireland, photographed with the Waterford

BERMUDA, THE BEAUTIFUL

A place where every prospect pleases, and man is really quite charming; that is Bermuda, the favoured island in the Western Atlantic. Our photographs show some glimpses of its natural beauties, its rich and varied vegetation and its tranquil seas. The two large photographs are of Hamilton, the capital, and the small oval a coastal view at evening. The material-minded will find that they may disport themselves on five excellent golf courses—two with eighteen holes, or play lawn tennis, both on hard and turf courts

The Thing's that Matter.

By OLIVER MADOX HUEFFER

Illustrated by LEO CHENEY

BRAVE man though he was, the Chief-of-Staff hesitated for a moment before he entered. The should-have-been Dictator, at no time easily approachable, was that morning in a state of despairing fury which had already found vent in a crop of death-sentences whereunder several of his most faithful adherents would have already suffered but for a lack of available firing-squads. The Revolution, so long considered, so carefully prepared, had proved a disastrous—even a ridiculous—failure, and the fallen leader risked more than liberty by his delay in taking flight. That delay he did when already deserted by all less deeply implicated than himself, striding up and down the council-chamber that was to have been the first meeting-place of the Provisional Government, was due solely to his thirst for revenge upon the man whom, above all others, he placed the blame for the failure of his plans.

Bracing himself to the effort, his lieutenant entered the room and stood silently before his fallen chief. The great man shot an angry glance at him from beneath his bushy eyebrows. "Has he been captured?" was his sufficient question.

The other shook his head. "There is no news as yet," he answered diplomatically. "I am expecting the search-party to report at any moment now." He hesitated a moment. "The final reports from the Provinces have just come in."

For a moment the fallen lion raised his head, only to let it fall again in response to what he read in his subordinate's desponding eyes. "It is the same story everywhere. Either total apathy or local rioting put down without difficulty by the civilian police. No bloodshed is reported from any centre and the newspapers ascribe the disturbances to unpopular decisions of the referees at local football matches."

The General ground his teeth and glared savagely at his well-meaning tormentor. "The newspapers," he muttered. "The accursed newspapers." And in a voice even more bitter. "If only we could lay hands on that——"

He was interrupted by the sudden entrance of the orderly in attendance. "The Chief of Publicity wishes to see the General," he reported. "In view of the general order for his arrest——"

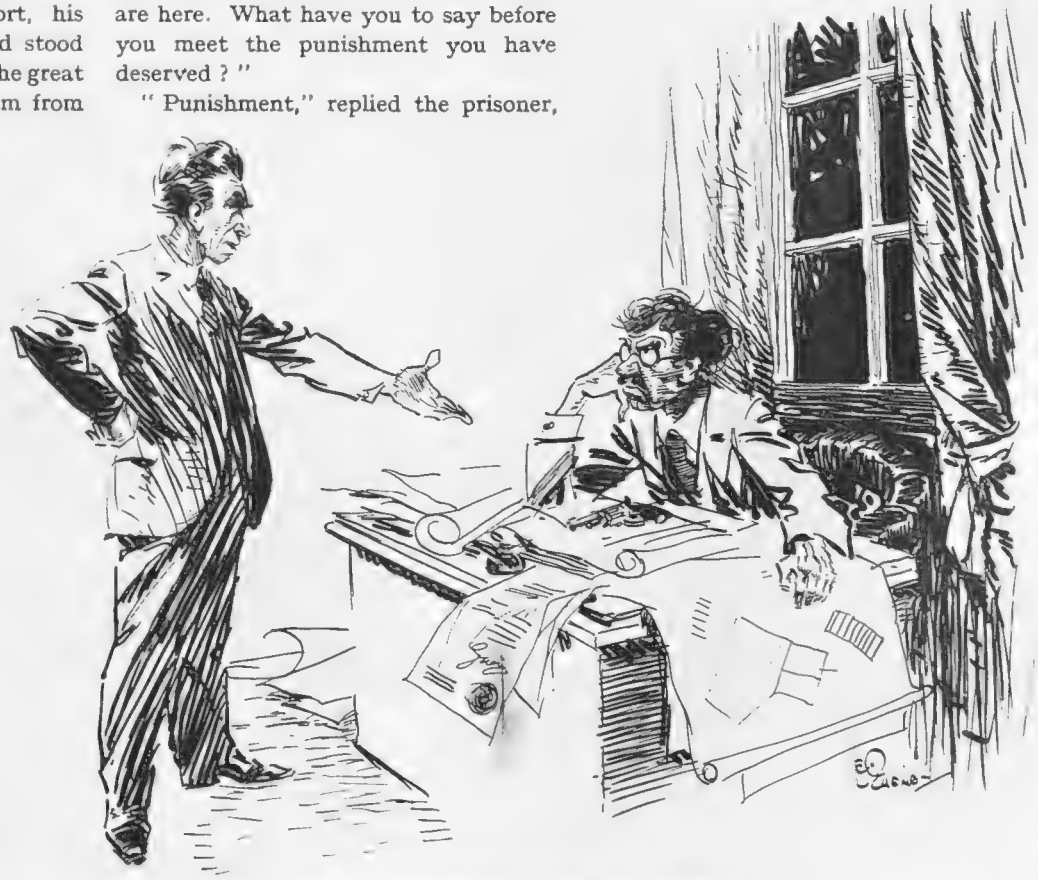
The General stopped in his stride, amazed. "He dares—he actually dares to ask—— Bring him in at once—under guard." He drew a pistol from a drawer in the desk before him and laid it in readiness on the blotting-pad. "He 'at least' shall not escape me," he murmured.

A moment later the doomed man stood in the presence of the man he was said to have betrayed, the perfect calmness of his attitude in marked contrast with the wrath that faced him. "So," said the General, "you are here. What have you to say before you meet the punishment you have deserved?"

"Punishment," replied the prisoner, raising his eyebrows in calm reproof. "And for what?"

"For betraying the Cause you have sworn to further at all hazards. For neglecting the duty, the most vital, urgent duty, which had been entrusted to you."

"Nix to that," began the prisoner, and perhaps remembering in time the gravity of the occasion, "the blame, if any, certainly does not rest with me. Have I not warned you, time and time again, for weeks past, that the time for the rising must be chosen with the utmost care—that unless the psychological moment were sensed by a master mind—My Mind," he added with supreme audacity—"certain and utter failure must result. Did I not send you a telegram from Provincial Headquarters, where I was unavoidably detained, that the attempt must be delayed for at least three weeks. And did you not ignore my advice and



"The blame, if any, certainly does not rest with me"

precipitate matters—with the result you see. Punishment indeed." And relapsing in his excitement into the vernacular, "I like that!"

The General seemed for a moment almost taken aback. "It was too late," he muttered. "The orders were already given. Delay would only have caused inextricable confusion. Besides—what difference could it have made? Why one day more than another?"

The prisoner raised his eyes towards the ceiling as though appealing to a higher court against man's stupidity. "Why one day more than another?" he murmured. "Why one day more—Good Lord, you silly ass. Don't you ever read the papers? Don't you know what happened on Wednesday?"

The General hesitated. "Only that—the tyrannical Home Secretary declared in a speech——"

"Home Secretary—my hat! And this is the man that wanted to run a modern revolution! No—not the Home Secretary—but Theda Swansong."

"Theda Swansong. What is it? A new machine gun?"

The Chief of Publicity shrugged his shoulders with the air of one who thus throws off all human emotion for good and all. "Theda Swansong," he said, with the infinite patience of one instructing a willing but unintelligent child, "Theda Swansong is one of the fifteen greatest living film-stars and of the eighteen most beautiful women in the world. She is famous in five continents as America's Greatest Gift to the Nations. She is—but, oh, good Lord, what's the use? Theda Swansong, on Tuesday afternoon, in an exclusive interview, declared herself a convert to the Eton crop, and declared that no woman could aspire to be considered Radiantly Beautiful who was neither Bobbed, Bingled, Shingled or Bliffed."

"Bobbed or Bingled," muttered the unhappy judge.

"That interview," went on the accusing voice, "appeared on Wednesday morning in fourteen hundred and seventy-five daily papers. It was copied, the same evening, in seventeen hundred and three evening editions. On Thursday morning Gilda Whiff replied in favour of Bingling. On Friday—but why continue?—enough, oh you Catastrophic Mutt, that Theda Swansong in her reply settled, as the *Times* declared in a five-column leader, for good and all the most world-enthralling problem which has distracted the human intellect since the days of—well, never mind—I suppose you didn't see anything about it?"

"N-n-no—well—to tell you the truth I was checking over the last details of the rising. I left it to——"

"In my absence you left it to some of the incredible idiots you call your staff. I know. And what did they do? Sent round your manifestos and pronunciamentos and proclamations, and the deuce knows what, with their compliments to the editor for favour of insertion—oh my celestial hat—on the very day that the greatest news-story—well, never mind. As if any live newspaper could find space for—— But—nothing matters now. Do you know what happened this morning in—never mind the town, it's the same story everywhere? Four of the chief hairdressers were publicly lynched by enraged women for not supplying enough assistants to crop them all by mid-day. Three hundred and seven saloons were wrecked. The police were powerless. The women invaded the football grounds, forced the men to follow them, and—but what is all that to you—to you—you fourteenth century survival! You to head a revolution—you to lead the great heart of the nation along the path of—oh, cut it short—you make me tired!" He shrugged his shoulders again, folded his arms and relapsed into a gloomy silence.

The General was famous for the military brevity of his address. For a brief moment he considered, and then, drawing himself up to his full height: "You are right," he said. "I was wrong. Forgive me."

The two men shook hands, all differences forgotten in this frank acknowledgment of error. "And now," said the General, "nothing remains but to effect our escape."

"Escape!" cried his friend. "What do you want to escape from? And why?"

"But—our enemies. The brutal minions of tyranny. The—the——"

The Chief of Publicity patted him kindly on the shoulder. "Don't you worry about that," he said. "There isn't a living soul knows or cares about your revolution. The Eton crop is good for another three weeks, and after that there's the Cup Final, and—come, get your overcoat on—it's a bit chilly to-day for an old man—and come out and have lunch with me, while I give you a little heart-to-heart talk about the Things that Really Matter."

OLIVER MADOX HUEFFER

HALF TIME! By J. A. Beale

RUGGER BLUE'S PARTNER: "I say, do you mind if we—er—dance 'soccer' for a change?"

Topical Weeknesses

BY H. H. HARRIS

SOME PICTORIAL NOTES OF THE MARCH OF EVENTS

"The Three Arts Ball"

If the World Was Ending—

By Blanchette *Illustrated by HELEN McKIE*

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DEAR COUSIN—

SOMEONE'S prophesied, methinks, in fact, I've seen it in the paper, as they say down in the country, that the world's going to end quite fairly soon, on February 6 to be exact. Which, of course, not exactly everyone'll be prepared to believe, and, anyway, as an astute and cunning philosopher once remarked, it's always best to deny and throw utter scornery on such Auguries of Awful and Universal Doom. Because if they don't come off you've got the credit of being right, and if you're wrong—well, there'll be no one left, will there, to throw it in your teeth, so to speak?

BUT just think, if it really was settled, and the whole affair was really officially going to come to its final finish and complete conclusive crash just two months hence. . . . I wonder what would happen. . . . Might quite possibly, if you come to think of it, be quite pleasant while it lasted. No one'd bother much about business, for one thing, or bills, or income-tax, or tiresome things like that. All the little worries swept right out of existence at one fell swoop—the little sordid ones that are so infinitely the worst. And even if the lawyers and doctors and people *were* thrown out of work, not to mention some other professions and trades, they'd have enough put by out of their hard-earned thousands to stay the course, as you might say.

BESIDES, there'd be lots of others with heaps more than they could ever conceivably spend in the time, and as wills and charitable bequests'ld be right off the map, they could do their fire insurance (as the saying goes) by handing over the surplus to some of the right people who hadn't quite enough. On which same "fire-insurance" principle, too, I don't believe there'd ever be the chaos and red ruin some people seem to think'd be bound to happen. And just think, too, what thousands, not to say millions, of people would for the first time in their lives actually *see* the world—its trees and grass, its hills and valleys, and seas and lakes, its gorgeous colours and tender thrilling joys—because the other little things that had kept their eyes on the ground wouldn't matter any more, *and* it'd be their last chance.

ON the whole, rather a fascinating idea, some ways—chief fascination whereof being the mateyness thereof . . . I mean, knowing one'd got to be wiped out some time, don't suppose anyone'd mind half so much being wiped out if everyone else was going to be wiped out at precisely the same moment. Not that *I* particularly want to be *écrasée* either just now or at two mos. date, singly *or* collectively—not while the aforesaid ancient and much-threatened, but still merrily whirling, world continues to revolve in its present comparatively pleasant fashion, and—the air's December-ly crisp, whether on Bond Street or Brighton Downs, on the *Rus* that Roman poets *schwarmed* about, or the Rue de la Paix, sacred to worshippers of Poiret or Patou.

ANYWAY and especially, I should rather like to be permitted to survive the present week, being the occasion of two rather more than usually heartening events—the 'Varsity Rugger Match and the Three Arts Ball, which by rather happy coincidence or chance, happen to be happening on precisely the same date, Thursday, to wit. Princess Marie Louise, who is president of the club, won't be at the last-named, owing to Court mourning, but—as typical index of the King's wish that our very real tribute to a beloved Queen shouldn't be a matter of outward gloom—the ball is to proceed otherwise according to plan, and a very excellent and inspiriting plan, too, to judge by all I hear, including a Christmas tree with real gifts on it, and Heather Thatcher, Joe Coyne, and other bright stars to hand them out.

"Part of the Reparations Scheme"

TWO somewhat refreshing festivals of youth, meseems—and especially, perhaps, the aforesaid violent contest of thirty perfectly sweet (though for the moment singularly rough and muddy) young youths who for an hour and a half or so, at least, are the World's Greatest Heroes. At any rate, to the assembled multitude that follows their every movement with bated breath. Even if a thick fog should hang over the ground, no Rudolph Valentino or

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"Chief joy of Christmas is buying presents"

Owen Nares had ever a limelight like this. And is there a Gerald du Maurier, a Gladys Cooper, or a Henry Ainley, or Leslie Henson, or Evelyn Laye in the world whom we'd spend as much as a quarter of an hour watching, let alone one-and-a-half, with frozen feet, hands barely conscious of existence, and noses so hardly done with by the elements that it doesn't seem worth while even trying to powder 'em? I trow not.

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Reason being partly, I suppose, that it's reality we're watching, not imitation—even if the imitation be of brilliant people with brilliant ideas and the reality just a crude, childish, simple little game with a ball. "Nature is very coarse," said (if I remember right) the villain in Mr. Charles Dickens's *Barnaby Rudge*.

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But it was Youth we were really talking about, wasn't it? Which, apparently, seems to be rather getting its word in these days, so to speak, what with a Bishop standing up for it, an' all. He of Lichfield, to be exact—who's actually ventured to murmur that the people who are always groaning and moaning about the degenerateness, and so on of the young people of the day are just a lot of sticky old Conservatives, or words to that effect. "As if *we* hadn't been just the same sort of people at *their* age," says he with (for a Bishop) surprising originality and enterprise. And positively ventures to suggest that some of the old people ought to make sacrifices instead of the young. . . .

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Not such a bad idea, really, and when *I* get into Parliament am going to propose that they put it to the League of Nations, or someone, that whenever the next war comes along (which they say is quite impossible, but you never know, do you?) the age-limit shall be put backwards instead of forwards. I mean, everyone over sixty to be called up first (it would be the same for all, you see), and then fifty-five and fifty, and so on—but no one below forty, whatever happens. No exemptions, either, for being Cabinet Ministers, or anything like that. And *then* you'd see what'd happen . . . . *It wouldn't be war, anyway.*

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Apropos of youth, by the way, not sure one of the youngest shows I've seen for a long while wasn't a little affair called the *Green Room Rag* at the Globe the other night. Wherein (aforesaid affair being run by certain rather celebrated actors for a theatrical charity, but any member of the general pub. can join in for five good shillings a year, or thereabouts) there were produced a series of sketches, etcet., that made one wonder why—well, why some revues are sometimes so (what shall I say?) not entirely amusing.

"Highbrow Persons"

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One little matter alone, to begin with, "Maria Martin, or the Murder in the Red Barn." Couldn't this ancient tragedy of 1860 or so be put into one of our next revues? If so, I should (I think) attend nightly throughout the run, if only to see Mr. Robert Atkins (late of the Old Vic.) as the be-whiskered villain, in frock-coat and incredible top-hat, murderously smiting with a spade Mr. Jack Hobbs (as the charming heroine, in mob cap and print frock of the period) the while he (I mean she) implored her (I mean his) false paramour to spare him (I mean her), if only for the sake of the chee-ild of their illicit union. And so chee-ildish were all we of the audience (including many distinguished actors and actresses) that we hissed the villain whenever he appeared.

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Rather nice little sketch, also, in the same show about a matron, driven to desperation by her husband's boring respectability, who implores her son to avoid his father's horrid example and to his mild suggestion of a trip to Paris says: "But why? London's much worse than Paris—if you only know where to go." Not even dearer for little outings either, apparently, by the way, let me add, even of the most virtuous kind, spite of the exchange, and francs at 120 odd to the pound. The Parisians know how to make you pay all right, whatever the state of the local Bourse. All part of their Reparations scheme. A hard-faced lot—what?

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Which reminds me, they say all the latest girls of this modern moment are getting fearfully hard-faced because of the way they play games and things. Becoming positively a race of combative giantesses, says one of our latest critics, and no amount of lipstick or other adventitious aids will ever make us look feminine again, or words of that purport. So says (quite openly) a certain more or less eminent artist—isn't it lucky for him he isn't a doctor, or they'd unfrock-coat him, or whatever it is they do do to M.D.'s who are even faintly suspected of permitting their names to be mentioned by the Press.

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With which few kind words and hoping this finds you as it leaves me, I must now hence—just off to buy my Christmas presents . . . which is, after all, *the* chief joy of this approaching annual festivity, is not it?

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RACING NOTIONS

By "CARBINE"

The Tax Question

It is interesting to observe that the question of a tax on betting has once again come prominently into the sphere of practical politics. The debate on the subject which took place in the House of Lords last week was full of interest to racing people, though the ignorance which most of the speakers displayed in Turf affairs was rather amusing. For a long time past Mr. Baldwin has been favourably inclined towards tapping this source of revenue, and it now seems that Mr. Winston Churchill is of the same frame of mind. Some wonderful figures have been quoted to show the revenue which will be derived from a betting tax. In my opinion the proceeds will not be nearly so great as we have been asked to believe. Much depends upon the methods employed in imposing this tax.

By "The Tout"

MR. W. MIDWOOD

Who created a sensation in the jumping world recently by paying ten thousand guineas for "Silvo," a record price for a 'chaser

How Will It Work?

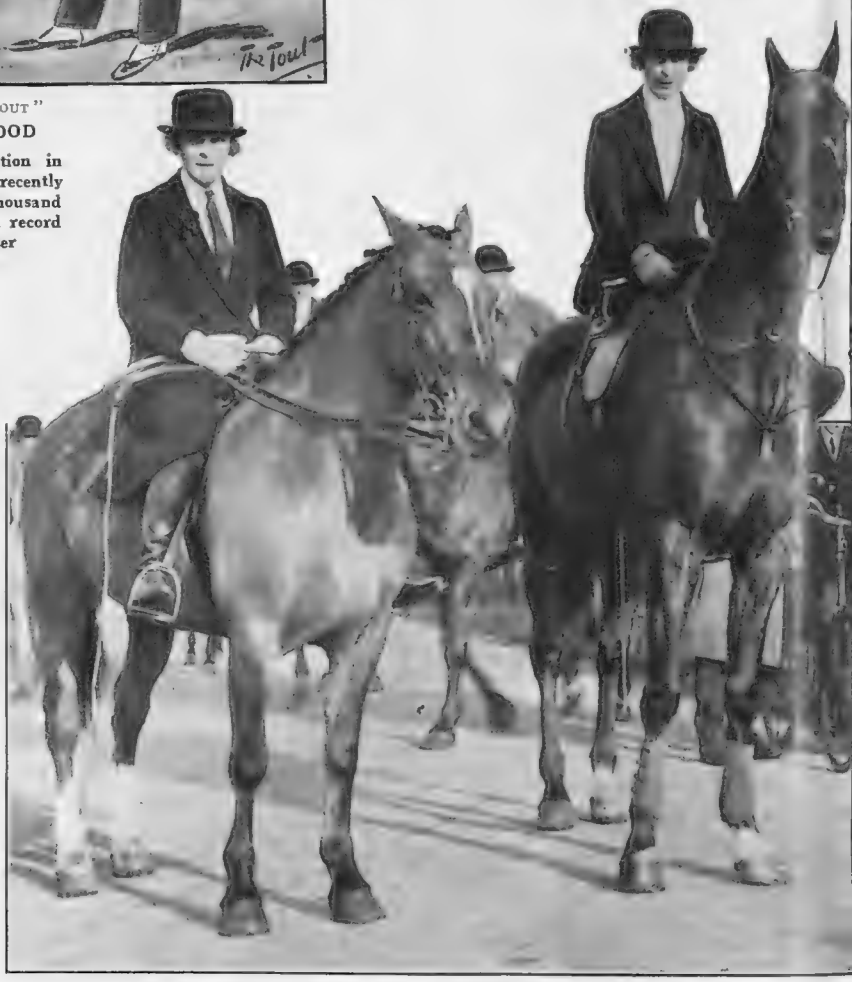
It is uncertain whether it will be decided to secure the revenue by means of contract stamps for every bet which is made or whether a percentage of the winnings will be deducted, as is the case with the totalisator abroad. No doubt there will be great difficulties in manipulating either system, both on the racecourse and at the starting-price offices, but if the Government decides to go through with the project an effective means of working the scheme will certainly be devised. Naturally, the bookmakers are up in arms against the proposal of taxation, and some of them ask us to believe that the whole thing is impossible. That, however, is only a matter of self-deception. It is quite possible to tax betting in one form or another, and though I, as a modest punter, hate the very idea of being taxed in this way, I am quite convinced that the threatened legislation will come to pass before very long. We have got to make up our minds to make the best of a bad job.

Future of Betting

It will be interesting to see how the volume of betting will be affected by the proposed measure. In my opinion it will reduce the number of wagers to a very appreciable extent, and that is why I think the State will not make so much money out of the scheme as is imagined. The great obstacle to the taxation of betting so far has been the necessity of making gambling on racehorses a legal operation. At the present time the law does not recognise these transactions, and there is no chance of recovering gambling debts through the Courts of Justice. Presumably all this will be altered if betting is recognised by the Government through the Inland Revenue. The State cannot have it both ways: it would be supremely illogical to effect a levy upon betting without giving those who indulge in the luxury the reasonable protection of the law. In this way the proposed tax may prove a blessing in disguise to the bookmakers, many of whom encounter big losses every year through the failure of some of their clients to pay up on settling day.

Current Sport

Last week Newbury was fortunate in getting through its meeting without a postponement. The course stood the cold snap remarkably well, and the going was in surprisingly good order on both days. The most sparkling set-to of the meeting was seen in the Juvenile Hurdle Race on the second day. Kentish Glade proved himself a very promising recruit to the jumping game, and in the hands of Tom Coulthwaite he is likely to gain further successes. I did not think a great deal of the quality of the field in the Novices, Steeplechase on the opening afternoon. It is not particularly edifying to see a race of this sort won by a horse with a tube in his throat. The best 'chaser we saw out last week was Ruddyglow, with whom Mr. Filmer Sankey is very hopeful of winning the Grand National. Although this very promising young horse defeated Fly Mask comfortably at Birmingham, the result might have been very different if the race had been run over the Aintree fences. We have yet to see how Ruddyglow shapes when called upon to tackle the formidable obstacles of the Grand National course. On the other hand, we know that they have no terrors for Fly Mask, and I expect that this performer will once again be the best from Tom Coulthwaite's stable in the big race of the season. This week, weather permitting, there will be jumping at Windsor and Hurst Park.



WITH THE CHESHIRE *Poole, Waterford*

Miss Russell Allen and Miss Diana Russell Allen, at a recent meet of the Cheshire Hounds at Winsford Station. They are the daughters of Mr. Russell Allen, of Davenham Hall, Northwich

HUNTING NOTES

By ARTHUR W. COATEN

The Cold Snap

Last week saw precious little sport with the hounds. The weather joined forces with the cattle trouble with the purpose of putting a stop to hunting from one end of the country to the other. Just a few packs snatched an occasional day, but there was always a certain amount of bone in the ground, especially on the sheltered side of the fences. During the week I ran across Lord Stalbridge, who told me that he hoped to

make a start with the Fernie in the course of a few days. He stated that his country had at last become free of regulations. In this respect the Market Harbrough district is luckier than that covered by the Quorn, which, unfortunately, has had a new case of foot-and-mouth during the present month. Thus the start with this Leicestershire pack has had to be further postponed, and the Cottesmore are similarly unfortunate. I hear that a new system of sending the cattle from Market Harborough by special trains direct to the slaughter-houses is expected to give relief from

AT THE MEET

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sparrow, of Rudheath House, Holmes Chapel, with the Cheshire at Winsford Station

further outbreaks of the epidemic in that particular part of the kingdom.

With the Fernie

LORD STALBRIDGE was hopeful of formally opening the season with a meet at Bruntingthorpe this week, but that arrangement naturally depended upon the weather. At the time of writing the ground is scarcely fit to ride over in the Midlands, and it will be very aggravating to the Fernie people if the frost prevents them from making a beginning after the long delay from which they have suffered for another reason. It is to be feared that when a start actually is made both horses and hounds will be sadly out of condition. Of course, they have been regularly exercised during the long spell of idleness last month, but that is not the same thing as real work in the field. I understand that the Fernie Hunt does not intend to follow the example of so many other packs by suspending the capping system. Thus it will be possible for members of the neighbouring Hunts to get a few days with the Market Harborough pack pending the welcome arrival of the "All clear" notice in their own countries.

A PRIVATE PACK

Captain Laurence Hope, with his pack of hounds, at Whitney Court, Hereford. This pack meets two days a week

Capping

THE cap with the Fernie is £3 per day, but the man who puts in several days with the pack is expected to send a subscription instead of contributing so much each time he rides out with the hounds. The Hunt prefers to get a cheque, even for £15 or £20, rather than to enforce the system of capping. Lord Stalbridge, of course, will again hunt the hounds himself, and it can be said of him that he is one of the best amateur huntsmen who have ever handled a pack in the Shires. The arrangement by which Major H. A. Wernher serves as Joint-Master has proved an excellent one. It takes many of the responsibilities in the field from the shoulders of Lord Stalbridge and enables him to concentrate his attention upon the hounds, and that, of course, is precisely what a huntsman is there for.

Photographs *Poole, Waterford*

MASTER OF A SHROPSHIRE PACK

Major E. A. Fielden with Mrs. Fielden. Major Fielden took over the Mastership of the South Shropshire this season

Women M.F.H.'s

I OBSERVE that Miss Kathleen Styles has announced her intention of giving up the Mastership of the West Kent Hounds at the end of the season. This is her third year in that position, and it is not too much to say that her efforts to show sport compare favourably with those of previous Masterships. Her retirement will still leave a good sprinkling of sportswomen among the M.F.H.'s on the active list. In a number of cases the ladies are hunting private packs, with which the question of subscriptions does not arise. The West Kent, however, is a subscription pack, and the hounds belong to the country. In Monmouthshire Miss Lloyd Thomas is serving as Joint-Master of the county pack with Lieut.-Colonel F. Walwyn, while in Ireland, two packs continue to show good sport under their lady masters, namely, the Carlow, of which Mrs. W. Hall has been in command for six seasons, and the Waterford, with which the Ladies Blanche and Katherine Beresford are maintaining the traditions of the famous hunting family, to whom they belong.

ALL ABOUT BLANC-MANGE

By BASIL MACDONALD HASTINGS

THERE was once a supper-assembly of Bright Young Things. As is the way with their mannered kind, there was much throwing of bread, which caused great jocularity and serious injury to at least one eye. This worried the manager of the restaurant, and he approached the presumed culprit.

"Do you know," he asked, "that one of the rolls you have been hurling about the room has, in all probability, destroyed the sight of a fellow-nobleman's eye?"

"No good charging me, Cully," came the cheerful retort. "I've been throwing nothing but blanc-mange all the evening. Look at my hands."

Somehow it is difficult to grudge the blanc-mange thrower a little sympathy. Very few people know any other useful purpose to which this alleged comestible can be put. No one ever eats it, and it is ridiculous to allow it just to stand about till it melts. Notoriously there are amongst us faces which gain immeasurably by concealment, and a coating of blanc-mange is as merciful a device as they deserve. It collides with the face in the first place with a resounding smack, but can do injury. The material is very soft and cooling, and may well have as emollient an effect on the countenance as the most expensive toilet mud. On the other hand, a man with a blanc-mange-smeared face would find his style cramped when courting.

Now, blanc-mange can be used for other things, but, before indicating them, let me tell you something of its history.

One day, on the lower slopes of Mont Blanc, a caveman and his spouse were wandering in search of food. Both were badly spent, and finally collapsed in a drift of snow.

"*Donnez-moi à manger,*" said the man, for they were slightly French by birth. The wife grimaced, and presently making a snowball threw it at her husband.

"*Mangez-vous Blanc,*" she cried bitterly. The man ate the snow, and always protested afterwards that his life was saved by "Blanc-mange." When you visit Mont Blanc you will find to this day holes called ravines, which were, in fact, bitten out by the cavemen of the Plasticine period who did not appreciate that their contemporary's life was sustained by the snow on the mountain and not by the mountain itself.

The news of the nourishing qualities of blanc-mange spread to temperate zones where there was no snow, and people set about preparing a substitute. Here is the old recipe, and it is curious to note that Mrs. Beeton made practically no alteration when she came to consider the kitchen practices of her predecessors.

INGREDIENTS.—1 quart whitewash, 4 blackboard chalks, 1½ bottles Stickphast, ¾ lb. cold mutton fat, ¼ lb. lard, 24 powdered bones, the whites of 6 ex-eggs, and a pot of Best Bath Enamel.

MODE.—Mix the whitewash, chalks, stickphast and mutton fat to a smooth batter. Keep stirring till you feel really angry, and then soothe your feelings by hurling in the lard, powdered bones and ex-egg-whites. Grease a mould with refined brilliantine, and turn the mixture into it. When cold, paint the requisite white with Best Bath Enamel.

SUFFICIENT—for throwing at rate-collectors and writ-servers with short moustaches. Double the number of ex-eggs and omit the whitewash for political meetings.

This form of blanc-mange, with very slight variations, has been prepared in English kitchens for many centuries, and has been thrown by Kings at Cardinals, by Dukes and Earls at Commoners, and by everybody at poets. Ethelred the Unready was so called because he was caught at a blanc-mange party without his shield. It was the failure of the blanc-mange throwers against the Vikings at the Battle of Wilton which made Alfred decide that England must have a navy. It was not the tide but the blanc-mange, that Canute ordered out. It was a well-aimed jelly of the blanc-mange type that blinded Harold at the Battle of Hastings, and William himself, it is declared, would never have thought of the Domesday Book if he had not accidentally slipped up on a blanc-mange overlooked by the sweepers after a Court party.

Richard captured Acre because the blanc-mange grenade was new to the Saracens. A chronicler, writing of the signing of Magna Charta, says that John shook like a blanc-mange. Robert Bruce had a blanc-mange complex, which explains the spider. The English would have won at Bannockburn if the Scotch had not smothered themselves with anti-blanc-mange powder. The Black Prince was so called because he discouraged the manufacture of blanc-mange. The Wars of the Roses saw the first introduction of pink blanc-mange in order that the ammunition dumps of the rival factions might be distinguished. And so one might go on. But perhaps not.

You have been waiting impatiently for some advice as to the uses to which blanc-mange may nowadays be put. Impossible to stop its manufacture. Wives love to make it, cooks will give notice if not allowed to waste good materials on it, and *chefs* revel in its preparation because it gives them scope for expressing their architectural ideals.

Rule out the use of blanc-mange as a missile. You and I are above night-club manners, and we do not wish to be cruel to the most exasperating of sleep-disturbing cats. But I think you should be told that it is a perfectly magnificent adhesive.

You know how wall-paper has a habit of peeling off, especially when a house is exposed to sharp changes of temperature. A handful of blanc-mange will rid you of the eyesore at once. It can also be used to mount photographs.

Some use it for poultry food, but hens are just as happy without it. Easily its most valuable use is as an anti-squeaker for windows and wheelbarrows. When your wife makes one next, get up in the night and with a small trowel spread the glutinous mixture over the axle of the wheelbarrow. Then press quantities of it down the sides of the windows that squeak. Return to rest, and see what she will have to say in the morning.

A gang of forgers was arrested in London last winter. They claimed to be selling what is called mutton-fat jade, but the arrival of an unexpected thaw led to their discovery and arrest. They had baffled some of the greatest jewel experts in the world with synthetic frozen blanc-mange!

Before it is too late

and Christmas has come and gone, may we remind you that THE BYSTANDER CHRISTMAS NUMBER is on sale everywhere and is very excellent value at the modest price of Two Shillings.

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YOGO HAMA ON XTMAS SHOPPINGS

MOST DEAR HON. SIR,

BY the time these commentings reach your esteemed ears, we shall be not more as 9 or 11 days from Xtmas and suchly seasonable tides.

"That are indeedly so, Mr. Y. Hama, and should cause to exclusively jump

"Have suffer awful thought pangs"

for joy all mascs and femns, ancient and modern. How sweetish it are to commingle in our family bosoms and forgive our trespassings and other I.O.U.'s which we have committed for 1925. How delicious to benignishly make giftings to Hon. relatives, aunts, avunculars and other domestic *incubi!* O let us rhapsode re concerning this so——"

Excuse me to require, Hon. Sir, if you have yetly made purchase the giftings for Hon. avunculars and such family *débris?* I requesh sardonishly.

"I confess you, Mr. Y. Hama, I have suffer awful thought pangs for what Hon. dickens I shall give saidly relationships. Every year this conundrum grows more harder to adequately crack. If you would purvey some goodish hintings, you would non-doubtfully reap tons of affectionate blessings from 1,000's of Hon. Bystanders as well as my meritless and non-mentionable self," you beseek, Hon. Sir?

All so well then, I shall now produce you my investigatings which I have perused (at simpishly awful out-of-private-pocket expenses) at the various Xtmas *emporia*. I must, howeverly, warn non-sophisticates that Xtmas shoppings are more awful as a rugger scrum or other footbladder combat, and persons contemplating same should be 1-st medicinally examined for whether they have sufficiently strong hearts and other requisite organs before making to bald-headedly plunge into the *mêlée*. And now for some very exclusive and A.1 informations.

"To indulge loving confabs"

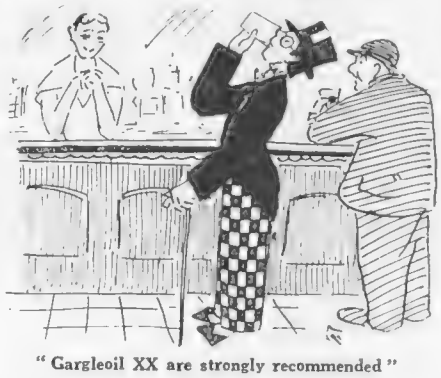
Persons seeking to make purchase giftings for their espouses and other feminine burdens, (writes Uncle Yama, the Bystander shoppings expert) could not do more better as visit the so magnificent bazaar of Salmon and Shellgrove. I wager to bet that not any other Xtmas emporium contains more luscious and sweetish young femns to the sq. in., and it are very pleasant to indulge loving confabs, oggles, smirkings and other tender perks while making purchase a nose-handkerchief for giftings. Re concerning saidly nose-handkerchiefs, I can enormously recommend same for per 6¾d. They are built of best quality Indian-rubber, hand-sewn and are consider very chick in Paris, Mayfair and other fashion circles.

Also I must hasten to non-forget a very patent and exquisite *nouveauté*, the chamois d'asbestos chest-protector which are guarantee to be fire, rain, gas, cold and burglar proof. This should cause them to be highly esteemed by femns enjoying weakish chests or other delicate complaints. Chest-protectors (masc) in the most fashionable shades may be purchase at per 12/6 a bottle net.

"More awful as a rugger scrum"

Cosmétiques (French for complexions) are always a safe gifting for femns not more as a 100 annums of age. The so famous *huile d'axle* (winter face quality B.B), or *graisse de cochon* in smart bladders to suit an enormous range of complexions, should make a very delicious gifting for our femns. (A very especial line of Gargleoil XX are strongly recommend for producing glows or roseate tinges on the masc nose, causing it to look cheerful and well cared-for.) Not any masc should afford to miss the so novel and patent attraction called the Kissings Slide, if non-accompanied by his nuptialled spouse. (If non-luckishly accompanied by same, it should be more better for him to speedishly preamble to the golosh department where he can purchase a brace of these *frivolitiés* in old-rose, mouse-green and other fashionable shades for 2/11¾.)

This saidly Kissings Slide are, I consider, a more greater invention than even tanks, and not any emporium should be without 1. It consists to pay 1/– for a ticket which then enables you to sit on a tray and be propelled at enormous speeds down a shoot. On arriving at the end, the tray performs a delicious bounce and the bobster dis-



"Gargleoil XX are strongly recommended"

covers to find himself propagated into the arms of a frightfully beautiful fair who then smacks him a luscious kiss. (This are the most nobbly idea in our metropole and already it has cost me 2£ 11/–).

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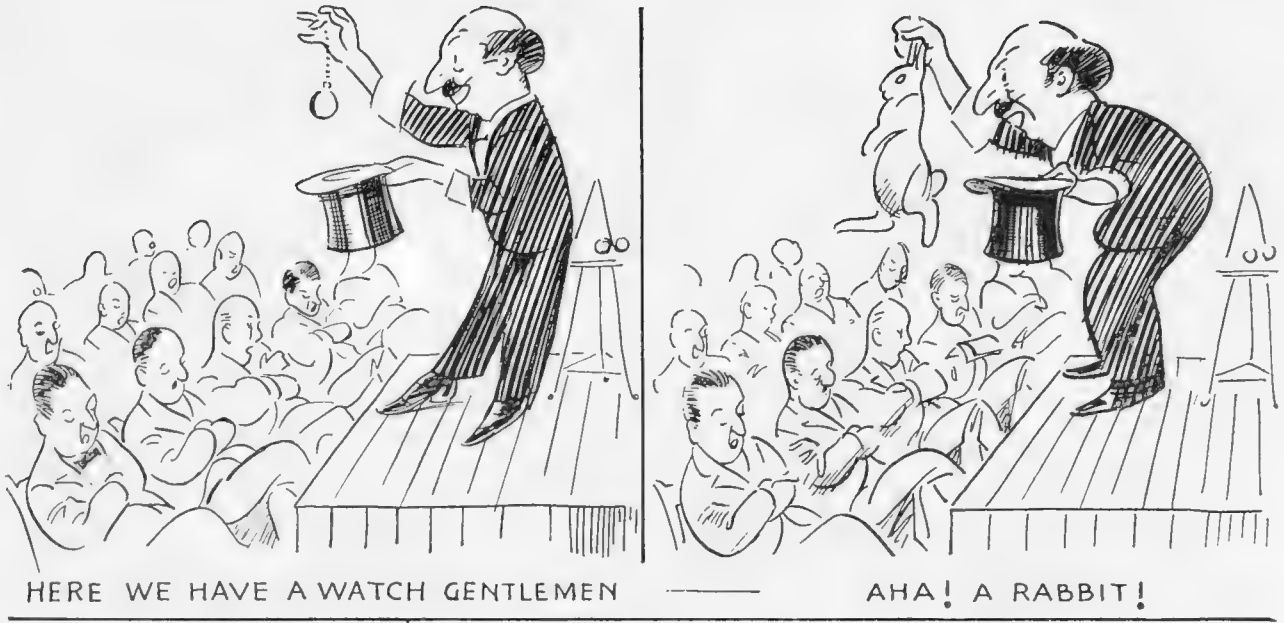
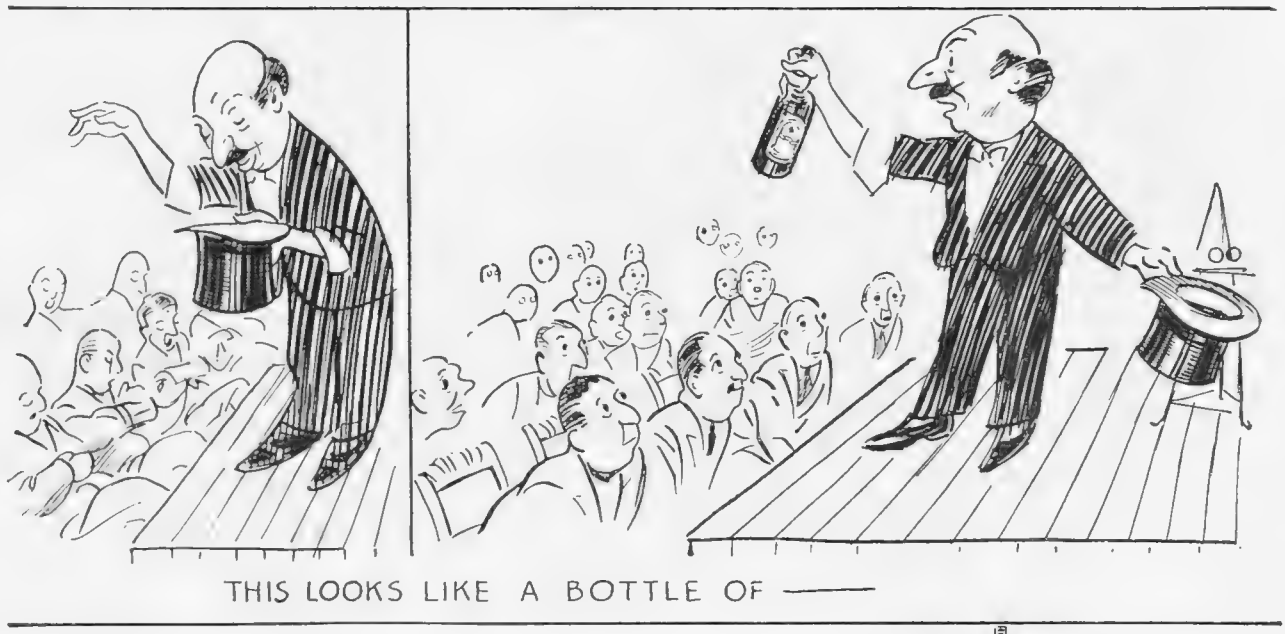
"The Kissings Slide"





— Worthington

We will now traverse to Swanage and Gluckstein who are depicting some very delicious giftings in Ladie's pant——

"Mr. Y. Hama, if you so much as dare——"

Shush! In Ladie's pantouffles at per 7/6¾ a couple. They are artishly designed to adequately suit all patterns, sizes and ages of feet. Undi——(kindly to impardon while I ejacule a sneeze) ——undisputeishly they are enormously

"A haughtish shop-hoofer"

good values for cashes and cannot be more bettered anywhere.

At Sparks and Menders I was accost by a haughtish shop-hoofer who requested to be inform re concerning my departments.

"I do not very enormously care," I responsed, "kindly to show me something *très chic* in femns."

"*Pardon, m'sieu?*"

"*Oh certainment oui. Avez-vous un département des femmes ravissements? Non?*"

"M'sieu wishes to make purchase *vêtements intimes, oui?*"

"*Non?*"

"*Japons, che——*"

This saidly emporium has a surprise specially prepared for femns which are almost a so great inventing as the Kissings Slide. This are the Sheik Ride and consists of an Arabian person on an artificial gee which preambles in swift circles.

Having deposed 1/– at the box, the femn finds herself to be deliciously ensnatched up by the athletic arms of the Sheik who then ferociously rides round with her shooting pistols and ejaculing love noises in Arabian. Femns wishing to joyishly experience these so exquisite thrillings should arrive more early as *p.m.*, because of the so enormous crowds of other femns waiting eagerishly to be sheiked.

These few hintings and informations should make an enormous boon to persons who find themselves lost for

"The Sheik ride"

what giftings to make purchase. Myself, I felt more washed-out as a frazzle after these so perilous exploitings and necessitated to imbibe some medincinal stimulents. Exhaust but happy as a larry for good duties accomplish, I hied myself to bed and submerged into my so well-earned slumberings.

Hoping, Hon. Sir, these informations shall successfully cause 1,000s of Hon. Bystanders to crack the Xtmas conundrum of what giftings to make purchase,

I remain

Yogo Hama

MONTE CARLO

FOR the third year, the International Sporting Club and the Monaco Automobile Club are organising, in conjunction with *L'Auto*, the well-known French sporting paper, the AUTOMOBILE RALLY OF MONTE CARLO, an event which is creating considerable sensation among all those connected with the Automobile World, and for which H.S.H. Prince Louis II of Monaco has very graciously accepted to be Honorary President.

Prizes to the global amount of 120,000 francs will be distributed at the close of the meeting and after the parading of all the cars having taken part in the Competition. The award of prizes will take place on Sunday, January 24, at 2 p.m., while in the evening a grand reception will be offered in honour of the different competitors.

This is a genuine international touring competition, for the classification of which the following items count: The distance travelled over, the number of persons conveyed, the speed and the regularity of the journey over a certain circuit.

The competitors for this event, "open to cycle-cars, large and small cars," can start from the principal towns of Europe mentioned on the Chart of the Rally, and which are the following, given in their alphabetical order:

Algiers, Amsterdam, Athens, Avignon, Barcelona, Belgrade, Berlin, Boulogne, Bordeaux, Brussels, Brest, Brindisi, Bucarest, Casabianca, Carthagena, Cherbourg, Constantine, Constantinople, Doncaster, Fez, Frankfurt, Geneva, Genoa, Gibraltar, Glasgow, Hamburg, John o'Groats, Koenigsburg, Lisbon, LONDON, Lyons, Madrid, Malmo, Marseilles, Messina, Milan, Munich, Nantes, Naples, Oran, Oslo, Palermo, PARIS, Prague, Reggio, Rheims, ROME, San Sebastian, Sofia, Stockholm, Strasburg, Tangiers, Toulouse, Tours, Trieste, Tunis, Vienna, Warsaw.

Competitors can choose and fix for themselves, the day and hour on which they intend to start, according to the daily mileage they reckon to cover, maximum of which is fixed to 35 kilometres and minimum to 20 kilometres an hour, so as to enable them to arrive at MONTE CARLO, in front of the Palais des Beaux Arts, on the 21st of January, 1926, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A PROMINENT member on the Committee, as well as an expert on all sporting matters, having realised that a certain class of would-be competitors could not enter in the Automobile-Rally of Monte Carlo owing to the rules, which oblige to a certain speed, as also to follow a fixed route, has decided the creation of a new event—the RENDEZVOUS OF MONTE CARLO, programme of which follows:

1926

JANUARY 20th.—Arrival of the "Rendezvous of Monte Carlo."

,, 21st.—Arrival of the "Rally of Monte Carlo."

,, 22nd.—Regularity Competition.

,, 23rd.—Hill Climbing Competition, "Mont des Mules."

,, 24th.—Competition for the most comfortable Car. Parade and Distribution of Prizes.

This enables ladies to take part in a most attractive programme without being put to the inconveniences of too early rising, meals snatched in a hurry at indifferent places and high speed.

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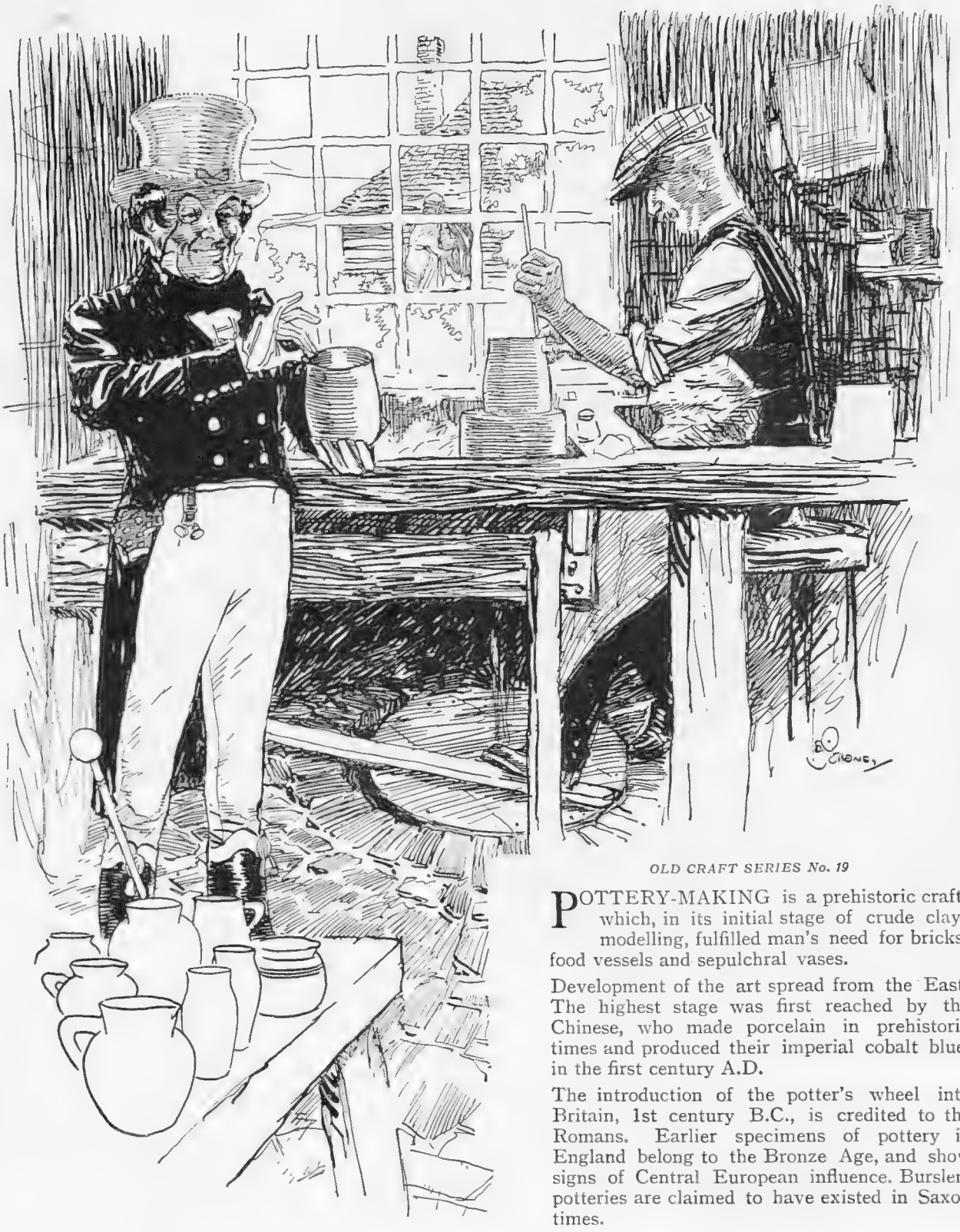

OLD CRAFT SERIES No. 19

POTTERY-MAKING is a prehistoric craft, which, in its initial stage of crude clay-modelling, fulfilled man's need for bricks, food vessels and sepulchral vases.

Development of the art spread from the East. The highest stage was first reached by the Chinese, who made porcelain in prehistoric times and produced their imperial cobalt blue, in the first century A.D.

The introduction of the potter's wheel into Britain, 1st century B.C., is credited to the Romans. Earlier specimens of pottery in England belong to the Bronze Age, and show signs of Central European influence. Burslem potteries are claimed to have existed in Saxon times.

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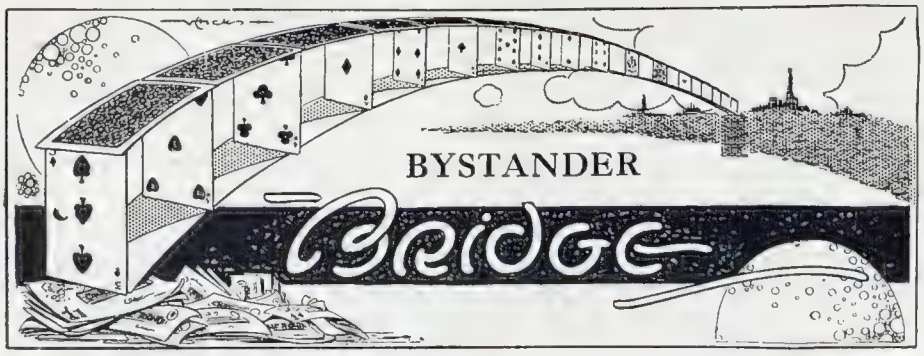

By A. E. MANNING FOSTER

COCKSURE PLAYERS

PLAYER (*whose partner has been criticising him*): "I have more knowledge of this game than anyone in the room."

PARTNER (*sarcastically*): "What a pity you don't use it then!"

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We all have experience of the player who lays down the law dogmatically, and is absolutely cocksure about everything at Bridge. If it is a matter of bidding he does not say: "I think so and so is the right bid or the best bid." Not a bit of it. He asserts, "Your bid was wrong. So-and-so was the only *correct* bid." Or if it be a question of leads he is equally positive.

"There was only one lead for you to make," he affirms, quite oblivious of the fact that there may be another side to the question.

You will often find—perhaps I might say generally find—that these people who are so perfectly positive are wrong. And on the occasions when they are not wrong they put themselves in the wrong by their manner. The real expert at Bridge is usually modest. He does not obtrude his opinions or give them unless invited to do so. When he does he says, "My opinion is—or my view is. . . ."

. . . .

In matters of bidding especially (except, perhaps, for the initial bid, where certain conventions should be observed) it is ridiculous, as a rule, to say such-and-such a bid is *correct* or *incorrect*. Of course, there are ridiculous bids which are flagrantly wrong. But in most cases it is not a question of correctness or incorrectness, but a matter of individual opinion. Even about the initial bid there may be a difference of judgments. Take this hand, which occurred at a London Club, and gave rise to some controversy.

At score love all, Z dealt himself S—J, 10, 8, 7, 6, 3. H—A, 3. D—A, K. C—A, K, 2.

Z bid "Three Spades," and was left in with it, and was very angry because his partner ventured to criticise his call.

"I am *perfectly certain*," he said, "that it was the correct bid and the *only* bid on this hand. I am willing to submit it to anybody, and I bet you what you like that I am right."

. . . .

Well, the hand was submitted to five experienced players in the Club, and not a single one of them agreed with Z. Two of them expressed the opinion that they would have bid "One No-Trumps" on it, and the other three agreed that in their view the best bid was "One Spade"—with which view I completely concur.

Reason it out for yourself. The hand is undoubtedly either a No-Trump or a Spade bid. What I call the "context" of the hand makes it more desirable that it should be played in Spades than in No-Trumps. At the same time, the Spades are neither strong enough nor long enough to render a pre-emptive bid either necessary or advisable. It is essentially a hand on which it is wise to wait and hear what partner and opponents have to say. A pre-emptive "Three Spades" bid is likely to shut out all further bidding, and that may not be at all desirable if Spades do not happen to suit your partner.

. . . . . .

But you may say that in advocating a bid of "One Spade" I am contravening the well-recognised convention that an initial bid of one should have top honours and quick tricks in the suit. That is quite true. Every rule has its exceptions, and a hand of this kind is exceptional. With five quick tricks outside, this is a sound "One Spade" bid. But it is not, in my opinion, a sound "Three Spades" bid.

And I gave this opinion not on the result, but before I knew what happened to the actual hand.

Here is the distribution—

Y
S—5.
H—Q, J, 10, 6, 5, 2.
D—Q, 10, 8.
C—J, 10, 3.

A	B
S—A, Q, 2.	S—K, 9, 4.
H—9, 7, 4.	H—K, 8.
D—J, 9, 6, 3.	D—7, 5, 4, 2.
C—8, 5, 4.	C—Q, 9, 7, 6.

Z
S—J, 10, 8, 7, 6, 3.
H—A, 3.
D—A, K.
C—A, K, 2.

A opened the 3 of Diamonds, and Z was one down on his contract, losing three Spades, one Heart and one Club.

Now, if Z had started with a bid of "One Spade" or "One No-Trumps," Y would have taken him out in Hearts and would have made either five by cards or a little slam, according to how the Hearts were played. After the bid of "Three Spades" Y could not bid his Hearts. You may say that this *is* judging by results, and that Z had as much right to expect to find his partner with one or more honours in Spades as with anything else. But if you argue like that you have missed the point, which turns on the fact that Z's is not a pre-emptive bidding hand.

CARD-ROOM CHARACTERS

No. XII.—LADY HORTY GLANCE

COLD shivers go down your spine when she looks at you if you have the temerity to take her out of her No-Trump call with a certain game in Hearts.

Snaps: "Partner, you *know* I don't like being taken out!"

You are on the horns of a dilemma when it's a case of playing your own suit as against returning her original lead, where she has one trick to make to free two winners in the Dummy.

Her Bridge may not be strong, but her personality is overwhelming.

By its sheer weight she hypnotises her opponents, and you look aghast at yourself when you put her up in her call, instead of doubling your opponents with the certainty of putting them down.

Her Ladyship has exerted her personality at so many Bridge-tables that she has acquired a Bridge-face, and you can't help wondering what would happen if Lady Horty Glance chanced to play against her twin sister!

By JOHN HART. *Illustrated by* GORDON JACKSON.

GOLF LIMERICKS

OF two sleepy old golfers of Crewe
I'll tell you a thing that is true;
Whilst playing round at Chester
They took a siesta
In number four bunk—"Dormez two."

———

To the first hole a golfer was seen
To take twenty ere safe on the green;
But when on his game,
I might as well name
He never takes more than nineteen

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MR. CHESTERTON once wrote part of an essay on the ceiling. He did not write it literally on the ceiling. But the essay did describe his strong desire literally to paint pictures on the ceiling. He wanted to paint them as he lay in bed, with pails of enamel and a broom. For it had suddenly struck him that here was the one place in the house where he could paint. The walls had already the pattern of their wall-papers. The floors were already covered with the pattern of their carpets. But here was a clear space waiting for the artist, and it seemed to him that "the only use of a white ceiling" was as a canvas for a gigantic brush.

BUT Mr. Chesterton was wrong when he could see no other use for the emptiness of the ceiling but to fill it with pictures. That plain space at the top of the room is not being wasted any more than the plain space of the sky was being wasted before people thought of writing advertisements in smoke across it. The ceiling is the most modest, least noticed part of our room, but it is none the less important, and its importance consists in remaining plain.

CONSIDER first the subtle, but very real, difference between roof and ceiling. The roof is the part of the house which has become the symbol of domestic security and peace. We speak of being "safe under one's own roof," rather than "safe within one's own walls." It is more important than the walls, for if you had to choose between walls and roof on a wet winter night, it is most certainly the roof which you would choose.

YOU may say of the ceiling of each room that it is the representative of the secure roof above. But it is more than that. On the decoration of the ceiling depends very largely the feeling of space and air in a room. I was once in a flat which had been decorated with the idea of freeing one from the restraint of walls, and in one of the bedrooms this idea had been carried out by having the walls painted purple merging into blue, to suggest a sunset. But it is not by trying to make the walls look like a sunset that you get a feeling of freedom and space in a room. It is a more prosaic, but also a more effective, way to keep the ceiling plain, and to arrange the colours so that they get lighter as they go upwards, the darkest shade being the floor, the lightest the ceiling. The ceiling should be seen, but not felt. It should be as unoppressive as the sky, and yet it should be part of the room.

AS soon as you start to decorate the ceiling, to have a pattern on it, or to use dark colours, you tend to bring the ceiling down on your head, and so to destroy the sense of air and space above you. At the same time, it is of the first importance to keep the ceiling part of the room. After dark colours — and the dead-black ceiling is an absurdity which is not unknown — the worst colour is that very cold blue-white which one sees very frequently used. It is a bad colour because it is unrelated to any of the other colours in the room. It makes the ceiling too noticeable, and by so doing has somewhat the same effect as a heavy pattern or dark colours. The ceiling should be the lightest shade, but it should be a shade of the main colour of the room.

IT need not, in every case, be a lighter shade. Where the whole room is light, a pink or a pale blue, it is a very good plan to have the ceiling exactly the same shade. The absence of any change between wall and ceiling gives the same result as making the colours lighter as you go up. The ceiling is not noticeable—and so leaves a sense of space above you.

THE most interesting thing about the ceiling is that you can move it up and down. You can do this not only by your choice of colours for the ceiling itself, but by the way in which you decorate the walls. You can, at will, make your ceiling seem higher or lower. You can make it seem higher by having a wall-paper with vertical stripes. You can make it seem higher, also, by having no frieze and carrying the paper right up to the ceiling, or you can make it seem lower by having a frieze and ceiling of the same colour, so that the wall appears to end and the ceiling begin above the picture rail.

THE attic ceiling is a separate problem. If the attic is distempered, then it is best to have walls and ceiling all one colour. When there is nothing in the decoration to call attention to the change from wall to ceiling, you feel that sloping roof less. For the same reason, if the walls are papered, the sloping part of the ceiling should be papered also, and only the flat top distempered. When this is done, the paper chosen should be light in colour and should not have a distinctive pattern. But whatever the room may be, you must think of the ceiling when you are deciding about the decoration of the walls. You cannot treat one independently of the other, and much of the success of the room will depend on keeping the ceiling exactly in its right place.

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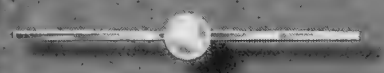

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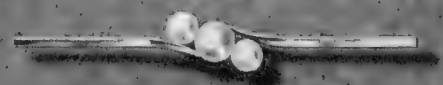

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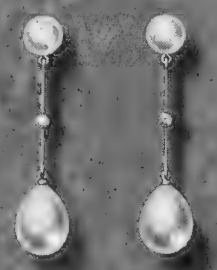

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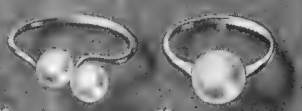

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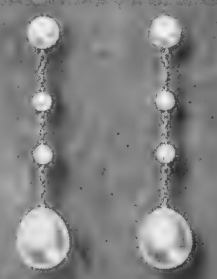

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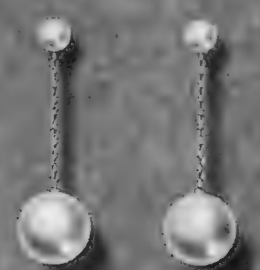

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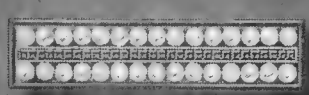

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A Prologue written by REGINALD ARKELL, which will be spoken by Sir John Martin-Harvey at the Special Matinée in aid of the Newspaper Press Fund, to be held on Friday, December 11, at the Lyceum Theatre

FRIENDS! Ere we draw aside the veil,
Prepare to hear a simple tale
Of that remote, romantic land
From Ludgate Circus to the Strand;
Where songs are sung and tales are told
And paving-stones are made of gold.

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Fleet Street! The world of black and white,
Where night is day and day is night;
Where writers burn their midnight oil,
And tireless printers sweat and toil
Through days of strain and nights of stress
To feed the hungry printing press—
That mighty megaphone which tells
Of earthquakes and of wedding bells
In Timbuctoo and Tunbridge Wells.

Fleet Street! Where all the buses run
From Ludgate Hill to Kensington;
The home of critics who insist
That actors never would be missed;
Abode of men of mighty brain,
Who paint the panorama plain
From pole to pole, and back again;
Describing all the world's affairs,
Its joys, its sorrows, and its cares—
Even the hats that Winston wears!

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Friends! If you do not deem it wrong
To barter substance for a song;
If your glad hearts leap up to meet
The stray romances of the street;
If life and love mean more to you
Than money-bags can ever do,
Then we are fortunately met—
We who are here to pay our debt
To that remote, romantic land
From Ludgate Circus to the Strand.

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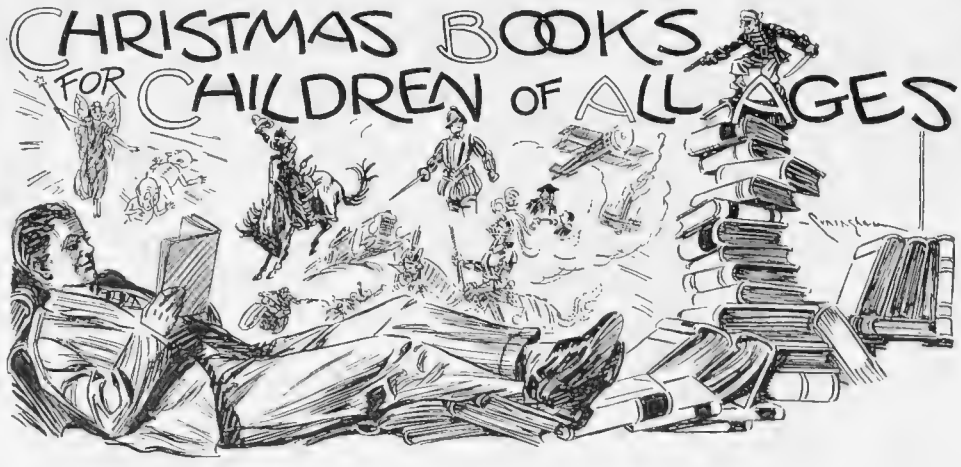
All do not rise on Fortune's tide;
"The Street" has but one sunny side,
And on the brightest summer's day
The shadows lurk across the way.
Yet, do you know, I sometimes think
That Travellers in this Street of Ink,
Who live and laugh, who dream and die,
Nearer the stars than you or I,
Whose paths are crossed by debts and duns,
Are happier than the luckier ones;
And London Town might be less gay
If, on some wild December day,
Her Street of Ink were blown away.



THERE has gradually grown up among the many legends that surround Christmas the pleasant fiction that, at this period of the year, a number of books are published especially for children. Mark that: especially for children. Of course, it is a pure fairy-tale. It is true that the shops are now selling numbers of fascinating books, which are destined at some time to find their way to the nursery or schoolroom, but it is an established fact that, before they ever get there, they are read with the greatest relish by hordes of grown-ups, chiefly Uncles. These otherwise honest members of society will tell you unblushingly that they were just skimming through the book they had bought for little Theodore to see if it was suitable for him. Liars! They were reading a book which they had bought for themselves, and which would afterwards be presented to little Theodore and received rapturously by him. All of which is to explain my title.

For Lowbrows

As the object of these ramblings is to bring Christmas books to your notice, I will start off with one which was written especially for grown-up children by that happy soul, the late William Caine. *The Glutton's Mirror* (Fisher Unwin: 7*s.* 6*d.*), his preface acknowledges frankly, was prepared for low-brows who like eating and drinking. Mr. Caine's outrageously funny drawings are as great a joy as his remarks on the absorbing subject of victuals; and that is saying a very great deal.

Mainly About Annuals

If I were not averse from perpetrating puns, I might refer to the "Annual" treat which the house of Cassell gives to the youngsters. The ever-popular Christmas Annuals come from this firm in all shapes and sizes, and for all ages of children. Master Fourteen-Or-So, for instance, would make a bee-line for the *Chums' Annual*, thereby showing his good taste and sense. The feature of this Annual is its good, healthy serial stories and interesting articles on mechanical and kindred subjects, and, of course, the book is profusely illustrated. It costs 12*s.*

And, there are the others! *The British Boys' Annual* for boys, and *The British Girls' Annual* for their sisters, make ideal presents that will keep up their interest for ages. They cost 5*s.* each. *Cassell's Children's Annual* (5*s.*) is ideal for the younger ones, while for tinies one could not buy a better present than either *Bo-Peep's Bumper Book* (3*s.* 6*d.*), *Tiny Tots* (2*s.* 6*d.*) or *Little Folks* (5*s.*). All these are full of pictures in colour and all sorts of charming stories.

Cassell's publish novels, too. I like the look very much of *Smugglers All*, by W. Bourne Cooke, admirably illustrated by H. M. Brock. Its price is only half-a-crown. For girls—that is, those who don't read their brothers' books, as so many do nowadays—I notice, at the same price of half-a-crown, *The Testing of the Torment*, by Elsie Jeanette Oxenham, with illustrations by P. B. Hickling, but there are so many others that I simply cannot find room for them all.

All Sorts and Sizes

The house of Blackie seem to have a special affinity for Christmas. From the number and variety of the books they produce, one gathers the impression that they really enjoy doing this sort of thing. This year the number and variety are greater than ever, prominent among them being the ever-fresh *Boys' Annual* (5*s.*). For boys at school there are no end of adventure stories; I have only enough space to mention one or two of them.

"WATCHING THE WATCHMAN"
A quaint sketch in Cassell's Children's Annual

The Buccaneers of Boya, by Percy I. Westerman, should be a sure favourite. It tells of a treasure quest in Southern seas, and is full of thrilling adventures. The villains of the piece—three rascally Dagoes—are as villainous as they should be, and the whole is set off by some vigorous drawings by W. Rainey, R.I. It is cheap at 6*s.* For folk with a taste for Oriental adventure, *Colin, the Scout* (5*s.*) should fill the bill very well. This is a story by Lt.-Col. F. S. Brereton of what befell an English scout in Japan. For 255 pages he has the time of his life. And now I've finished reading it, I'm quite sure my young nephew will have the time of *his* life. School stories are usually sure favourites with girls. *Captain Peggie* (6*s.*), by Angela Brazil, and *Val Forrest in the Fifth* (5*s.*), by Evelyn Smith, are both jolly tales of school adventure, invitingly got up and beautifully illustrated. And then there are the important people of six or so and under. All sorts of jolly picture and story books have been prepared for them, ranging from *Tales and Pictures of Happy Pets* at 3*s.* 6*d.* down to *Little Playmates* at a shilling.

I have looked through a very representative selection from Messrs. W. and R. Chambers, of Edinburgh. There are two out-of-the-way picture books in *Blobbs at the Seaside*, by G. Vernon Stokes, and *The Quoks*, by Luxor Price. These are both published at 6*s.* For handy "stocking-fillers" I can certainly recommend the authentic histories of *Mischievous Mops* and *Bad Little Billy Bear* at 1*s.* each. They are brightly illustrated and written in a very jolly way. Finally, for full-length stories, there are *The White Hawk*, by Kent Carr, and *The Twenty-Five Swordsmen*, by Ecott Lynn at 5*s.* each. This is the real, full-blooded stuff which makes one seriously think of abandoning the idea of becoming an engine-driver and going in wholeheartedly for buccaneering and other worthy callings with plenty of sword-play and fighting about them.

Gift Books

There are two gift books from Messrs. Stanley Paul which are in danger of getting no further than my own bookshelf—they are so fascinating. The first is *A Gallery of Children* (12*s.* 6*d.*), by the children's "Poet Laureate," A. A. Milne. This charming book is in prose and verse, with illustrations in colour by H. Willebeek Le Mair, one of which is reproduced overpage. The second book is *Mr. Papingay's Ship* (5*s.*), by Marion St. John Webb, and illustrated by Robin. This is a full-length story of fantastic adventure, with Mr. Papingay, its central figure, a very delightful child of seventy or so. So long as nonsense stories of this kind are produced there can be nothing much wrong with Christmas.

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Wonder Books

A feature of Christmas for some time has been the *Wonder Books*, published by Ward, Lock & Co. This series has now grown to no less than ten different kinds of Wonder Book, all of them very fascinating. The *Wonder Book*, plain and simple, is as full this year of varied stories, poems and drawings as it always is, and I, for one, consider six shillings for it money well spent.

This year, too, this same firm has brought out a very beautiful edition of *Stories of King Arthur*, which would be welcomed by either boys or girls. It is full of beautiful colour drawings and will cost you six shillings. For the four-year-olds there is *Baby Bunting's Big Play Book* at half-a-crown, just the thing for small folk who are starting the serious business of learning to read.

Into Fairyland

Fairies and Friends, by Rose Fyleman, published by Methuen's at 3*s.* 6*d.*, attracts me greatly. It is a collection of very beautiful little verses for children, and a welcome addition to the nursery bookshelf. This firm also publishes a really delightful book for children (and grown-ups for that matter) in *Playtime and Company*, by E. V. Lucas, with illustrations by that wonderful portrayer of children, E. H. Shepard. This is on sale at 7*s.* 6*d.*, and is worth every penny of it.

Before I leave the subject of fairies I must mention a little book, *Stories of Taffy the Tree Elf*, by Leslie M. Oyler (Aldine: 1*s.* 6*d.*), which would go very well into a stocking, and give great enjoyment to the owner of it.

This very important subject is also treated with the truth and sincerity which it deserves by Miss Cathryn Young in *Tales of a Little Brown Man* (Hutchinson's: 4*s.* 6*d.*). To anyone who wants to know more of the secrets of Fairyland I recommend this book and its jolly illustrations.

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One of the charming illustrations to "A Gallery of Children," by A. A. Milne

Christmas Cards and Calendars

Among the many pleasant customs which mark the observance of Christmas and the New Year, the interchange of Christmas and New Year cards is one of the oldest and pleasantest. In this connection the name of Tuck has long been prominent. I have seen some specimens of their new cards and calendars—I did not see the 3,000 new designs, needless to say!—but even in the small section I saw there is such variety that the most fastidious can have no excuse for not being satisfied with them.

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LOOK IN HIS MOUTH

By "THE KENNELMAN"

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By all means give a Dog; but not as you might a pound of chocolates. First, it's up to the giver to make sure in advance that a Dog will be welcomed as a new arrival in the home circle, and that the right and suitable kind of Dog is chosen. If it is to be a pup, make very sure of such points as age and pedigree, and secure with it a full, written statement (don't trust to memory in this vital matter) of its present dietary. The weaning period should have been successfully completed some weeks before your purchase; and as for that free delivery, I mistrust it profoundly. Far, far safer and better to attend to that yourself, unless you have a properly warned and knowledgeable friend at the other end, to supervise induction and enthronement. Otherwise, there is risk of tragi-comedies in hitherto Dogless homes, which are apt to be exclusively tragic for the pup.

The purchase of a massive collar and whip, and a 7 lbs. bag of even the best biscuits, does not ensure happiness and well-being for the recently-weaned pup, for whom the biscuits may have no more interest than sections of granolithic pavement, and the whip and the collar even less. Then again, as an alternative from the granolithic stuff, rich fragments of plum pudding and stalactites from the drumsticks of turkeys, whilst not devoid of interest, may prove still less healthful If you take the necessary steps to safeguard your present from these real perils, a Dog may well prove the most delightful sort of a present you can possibly choose; but it really is up to you to make sure the preliminary staff work is adequate; and, rightly approached, you know, it can be made one of the jolliest and most interesting parts of the whole cheery business, apart from ensuring its lasting success. The best of all places in which to choose and buy a Dog, for yourself or anyone else, is the home in which the Dog was born and reared.

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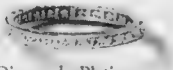

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TWO "STARS" TAKE A "PHOTO CALL"

Miss Heather Thatcher, the popular actress of the Winter Garden Theatre, at the door of her motor. The car is a 14-30 h.p. "Star" saloon

MOTOR NOTES

By GEORGE C. STEAD

EVEN in these days of saloons and all-weather cars, many motorists prefer the comfort of their own firesides. It is a fact, that considerably less motoring is done than in the warmer months, and most of this is confined to the hours of daylight, which at this time of the year are somewhat restricted in number. No one can blame the motorist for preferring the comfort to be found within walls, although driving on a crisp, frosty day provides one of the greatest joys of the year.

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TAKING all these facts into consideration, it will be at first a matter of some surprise that well over a hundred motorists have deliberately entered for a twenty-four hours' trial, which will start on Monday, December 28. The run is from London to Exeter, with the return journey added. The weather is always beastly, the hills which the committee have tactfully included are remarkable for their steepness and surface, yet year after year scores of motorists insist on entering for this run. It is the eleventh winter club run of the Motor Cycling Club, and the start is at the Bridge House Hotel, Staines, at 8 p.m. on the Monday. A stop of one hour is allowed at Salisbury, both on the outward and return journeys, and at the turning-point, Exeter, a two-hours' rest is permitted. Four hills have to be climbed non-stop, including re-starting and speed tests. If I am reported missing after the Christmas holidays it will be known that I took part in this run!

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WHEN the motoring Bystander next applies for his driving licence, he will receive a neat little booklet in addition bearing the attractive title of *Safe Motoring*. This has been compiled by the National "Safety First" Association with the assistance of the R.A.C., the A.A., and the C.M.U.A. It is estimated by the publishers that at least a million and a half will be issued. I must say that this booklet incorporates both the written and unwritten rules of the road in the most compact, concise and easily understandable form which I have hitherto seen. As is inscribed on the title page, "It is not sufficient just to know the advice contained in this booklet. Always carry it out if you wish to be considered a safe driver."

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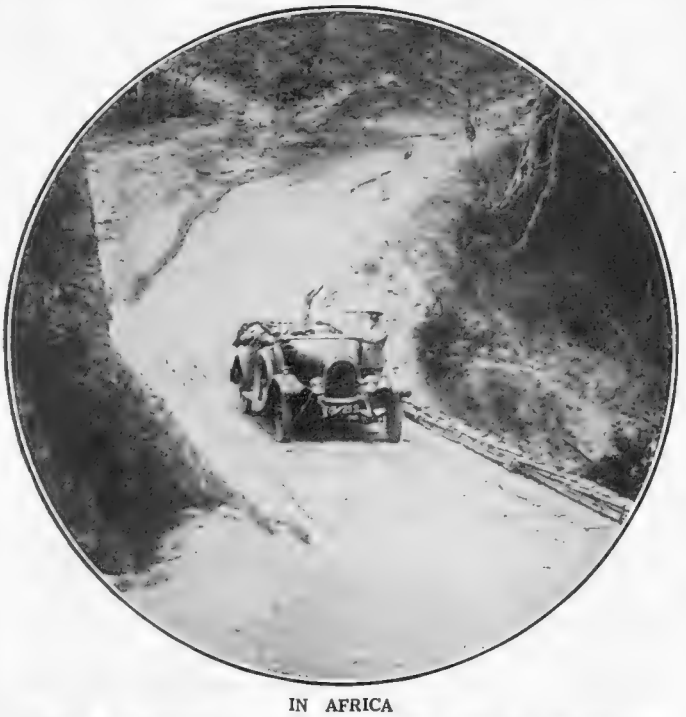
HAVING a very great respect for the activities of the Junior Car Club, I am only too pleased to give publicity to a further example of its enterprise during 1926. The J.C.C. has achieved its greatest fame owing to its successful organisation of successive annual 200-mile races. Second in popularity is the High Speed Reliability Trial, which was first introduced this year. Both these events will again be held in 1926, but an entirely new event is introduced, namely, a Long Distance Production Car Race. This will be confined to standard production cars altered within certain specified limits. The J.C.C. scrutineers may be relied upon to see that every car entered complies strictly with the regulations. The important dates are as follow: April 17, Spring Race Meeting; June 5, High Speed Reliability Trial; June 17, Long Distance Production Car Race; and September 25, 200 Mile Race.



IN AFRICA

A Bean car photographed on a timber bridge near Songea in the South-West District. The nearest railway is about 500 miles distant

CONSIDERABLE interest has recently been evoked by the report of the deposition of the Shah of Persia, and the inception of a Republican Government. These changes are of direct interest to motorists, in that B.P. motor spirit is derived exclusively from oil wells situated in Persia. Oil has apparently been made use of in Persia since time immemorial, and all interested in a pictorial account of the oil activities of this nation should apply to the British Petroleum Company, Ltd., of Britannic House, London, E.C.2, for a copy of their artistic portfolio, entitled "In the Land of the Shah."

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THERE is probably no motor vehicle which has harder usage in traffic than the newspaper delivery van. Speed is of vital importance to their drivers, which necessitates rapid acceleration and heavy braking. I have always been somewhat surprised that the large fleets used by the more important papers have been fitted with the old-fashioned rear-wheel braking, but I now see that the latest fleet put into commission is provided with a four-wheel braking system of generous dimensions. This adoption of the latest "safety first" device may result in a more rapid distribution of newspapers in greater safety, but the ordinary motorist in traffic will have one extra problem added to his worries, as most people will admit that these vans need careful watching if they are anywhere in the vicinity.

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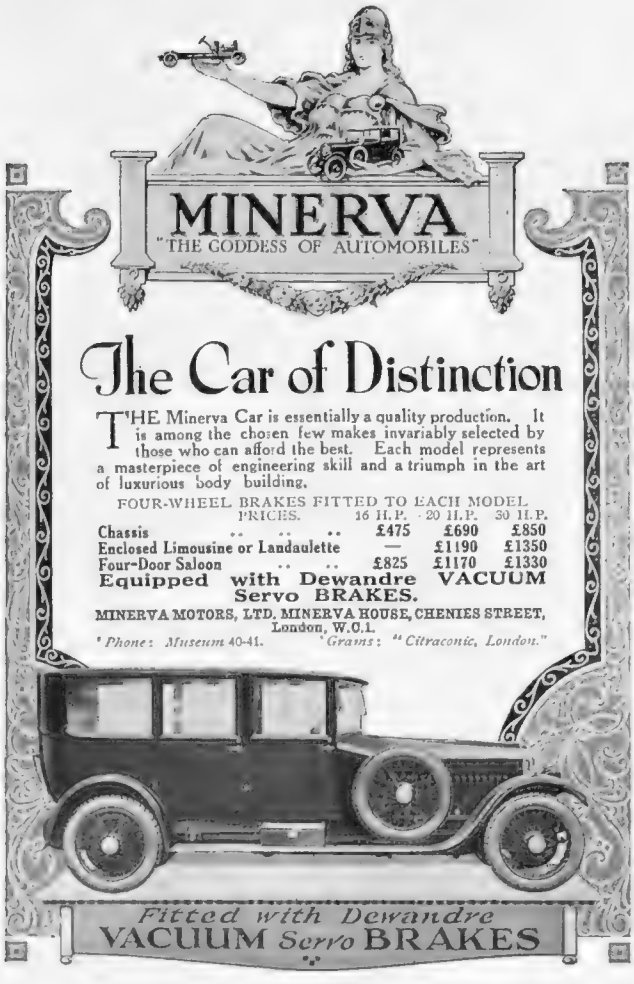
THE great controversy still continues concerning the advisability or otherwise of admitting American capital to British motor enterprises. At a meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce, at which the guest of honour was Mr. S. F. Edge, who gave his views on this very involved problem. The point on which he laid the greatest stress was that Great Britain was gradually regaining its export market for motor-cars, and that the introduction of overseas capital in order to allow British makers to produce cars, both for the home and overseas markets, allowed the British operative to work full time in order to secure the maximum output. Other speakers laid stress on the fact that the British motor-car manufacturer in need of extra capital had difficulty in obtaining an advance from his bank, and there was nothing in this country in the nature of finance corporations which would provide the necessary money on loan. We have now got a practical example of overseas capital invested in a British motor manufacturing concern, and we shall be able to see whether it is for the best or not.



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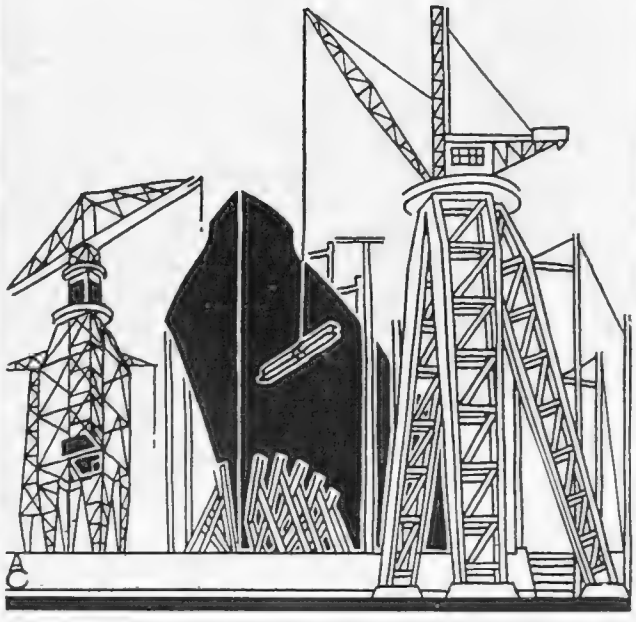

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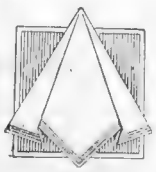

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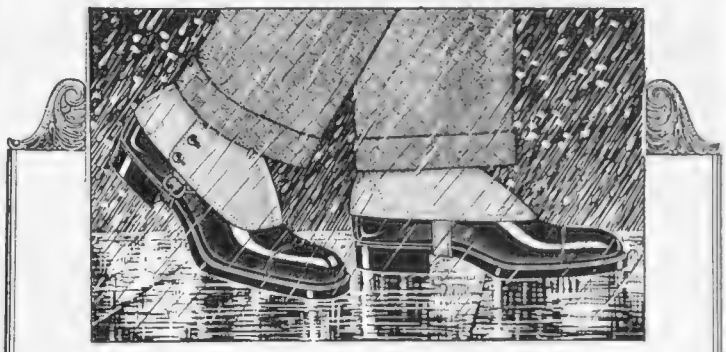

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From Granny

LUCKY indeed will be the little girlie, of some two or three years, who has a kindly granny at her back to buy her this perfectly sweet party-frock designed and made by Rowe, of New Bond Street, though this, of a fact, is more than just the ordinary frock, since there is combined a pretty petticoat and knickers of soft silk, trimmed with the same tender pink net as is used for the dress.

A veritable soft *soufflé* of a frock, the tiny skirt a mass of wee frills, each one stitched with a fine thread of pale blue silk. The soft gathered *bébé* bodice, completed by short frilled sleeves and a narrow girdle of blue ribbon edged pink, that is caught either side by posies of little hand-made satin flowers in the two shades. There is no lack of choice at Rowe's, whose fine taste in the dressing of children is as renowned as the name.

A DAINTY FROCK

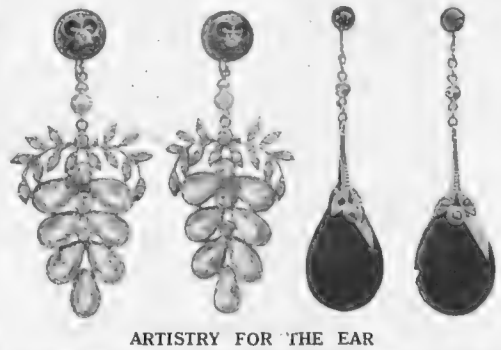
A charming little frock of blue and pink with posies of satin flowers of the two colours. It is to be seen at Messrs. Rowe's, New Bond St.

A Sign of the Times

Such is the present-day demand for inexpensive imitation jewellery, that the sound old-established house of Gorringe, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1, has opened a new jewellery department, which is equipped with a fascinating selection of Parisian bijouterie of the latest vogue.

Included in this is one of the much worn Flaxelle bracelets in French paste, a delightful addenda to a dance frock, and costing only *6s. 11d.* There is also a pair of old-world earrings, cleverly reproduced to imitate old crystal and paste. Exceptionally well and delicately finished, with either screws or wires, the price stands firm at *15s. 6d.*

Judging by the ready sale, Gorringe regard the other pair of earrings as one of their best sellers. These are of imitation coloured crystal in topaz, amethyst, red aquamarine, sapphire, etc., mounted with oxidise and marquisette. Really remarkable value at *3s. 11d.* You should send for Gorringe's illustrated Christmas catalogue, an immense help.



ARTISTRY FOR THE EAR

Two striking pairs of earrings from Messrs. Gorringe, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. They are not only artistic but remarkably cheap

Harrods, Brompton Rd.

The silverware department quickly arrests attention with its many novelties. Illustrated is a hand-pierced sterling silver cake or fruit basket, a particularly handsome, yet delicate, table ornament, the high adjustable handle running this up to 10 inches in height, while the price is *£9 12s. 6d.*, a similarly handsome sterling silver cigarette-box coming out at the reasonable cost of *£6 7s. 6d.*

This firm's Christmas catalogue, with its attractive cover, is filled in all its 116 pages with pictures and descriptions of every conceivable form of welcome gift. From the youngest to the oldest there is a suitable gift for each and every in this wonderful catalogue, which will be sent to you on request.

Teeth and Temper

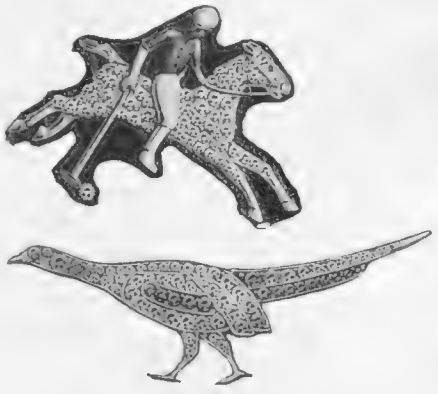
Christmas may be a toothache-y time—and, consequently, a "tempery" one—as worried mothers will tell you, but, happily, tooth troubles are far less frequent than they used to be, owing to the fact that children brush their teeth regularly much more readily than they used to. This is due, in a great extent, to the attractiveness of the modern toothbrush. The Koh-i-Noor toothbrush, for example, is beautifully modelled in such a variety of pleasing colours that the daily and nightly toothbrush parade is looked forward to as much as any other event of the day.

Foibles and Parisian Jewellery

One always looks and never fails to find the newest and most distinctive novelties at Woolland Bros., Knightsbridge. The source from which they acquire these charming pieces of bijouterie is surely exclusive, since nowhere else is there to be seen the little Polo Player Brooch, the latest and most original foible for pinning in a hat. The horse, in the very best Parisian paste, is a perfect piece of modelling, the alert rider being carried out in bright enamel. Taking all of which into consideration, the price of *69s. 6d.* is something to marvel at.

A TABLE ASSET

A hand-pierced silver cake or fruit basket from Harrods, Brompton Road



FOR THE HAT

Two of the many fine hat brooches to be seen at Woolland Bros., of Knightsbridge

In the many counterfeit presentments of bird life, there is a duck, a cock, and that wonderfully graceful pheasant in gay colours of red, blue and yellow enamel, that stand out against the glittering paste.

Taste in the Toilet

It is difficult to find a gift that will give equal joy to the oldest and youngest of your female (or, for that matter, male) relations. Such a gift *can* be found, however, if you take care to buy one of the many and varied toilet preparations. For grown-ups there is a very big selection of scents, soaps, powders, lotions, bath salts and shaving accessories, in many different perfumes, a very popular one at present being "Old London" lavender. The youngsters will be sure to like a box of attractively packed "Kiddy Soap," with its quaint decorations by Mabel Lucie Attwell.

A FRAGRANT GIFT

A bottle of Erasmic "Old London" Lavender Water

Those Little Gifts

It's the little things which count—especially when it is a question of those little odds and ends of Christmas presents, which are usually so hard to find. The wise shopper will make for Boots', and in their gift departments is certain to find exactly what is wanted. Perfumery, toilet requisites, leather and fancy goods, silver and plated ware, clocks, books, pictures—you will find something of all these at Boots' branches. It is a sound scheme, too, to obtain and study Boots' gift catalogue before starting your shopping. It will save a lot of time and trouble.

CHRISTMAS "BOOT-Y"

A sabretache bag, in hand-painted antique leather, from Boots' Gift Department

Cinemas for All!

This is the era of the films, without a doubt. But even the hardiest of cinema-fans will sometimes shirk leaving a warm fireside on a cold winter's evening to see Rudolph Valentino and Gloria Swanson, showing how to make love or escape dangers and all the other thrills of filmland. Pathé Frères, of Paris, have perfected a Baby Cinematograph which can be used in the home, and this can be bought at a comparatively small initial cost, whilst the cost of maintenance and running, to use a technical term, is absurdly low. And what fun can be had with a Baby Cine Projector! Drama, Travel and Comedy can all be shown by simply fixing a gadget to the ordinary electric light current! It is not a toy for children only, but for grown-ups as well, and the latter will appreciate just as much as the kiddies!

THE ARISTOCRAT OF CIGARETTES

A Christmas cabinet of De Reszké Cigarettes

In the Leisure Hour

Nothing is so pleasant after a busy day and evening hard at it working, shopping, dancing and so on, than to be able to tumble into some really comfortable raiment when finally one returns home. Messrs. Turnbull and Asser, of 71-72, Jermyn Street, S.W.1, are justly famed for the excellence of their dressing-gowns, smoking-suits and other accessories. This year they have some wonderful crepe de Chine dressing-gowns for ladies on view, which are priced at £6 10s. for the single fold, the double fold coming out at 11 guineas. They are also introducing some most attractive crepe de Chine scarves for ladies or gentlemen. These cost 50s. plain or 75s. with monogram.

Aristocracy in the Box

This heading does not mean—though it may seem to imply—that some noble lord has got into trouble! On the contrary, the real meaning of the phrase means happiness to all smokers who appreciate good cigarettes; and what smoker does not? Now to expound the conundrum! The name of that old-established firm, J. Millhoff & Co., is as well known to us all as the De Reszke cigarettes they manufacture. Cigarettes which are rightly, so I think, termed the "Aristocrat of Cigarettes." For solving a Christmas shopping problem of what to get for "that man," there is nothing that could prove to be more acceptable than one of J. Millhoff's Christmas Cabinets of De Reszke cigarettes which are stocked by all good tobacconists.

GOOD NIGHT!

One of the many attractive Dressing Gowns from Messrs. Turnbull and Asser, of Jermyn Street

Seats for Shooters

Shooting can be "demned fatiguing!" as Sir Percy Blakeney would say, especially when the ground is sopping wet and there is nothing available whereon one can rest one's weary limbs. It is on occasions such as these—and they are many—that a portable seat becomes a real boon and a blessing. The lucky possessor of a Mills' "Telescopic" Model will bless the thoughtful giver of such a really timely Christmas present, now that the shooting season is on. Anglers, too, will welcome it, for their powers of endurance are apt to give way before their patience, and with a Mills' portable seat, they can spend many long hours waiting for the fish to rise.

SPORTING COMFORT

A Mills' Telescopic Shooting Seat

Choice Chocolates

Meltis Chocolates are sure to find their way into many stockings—or their equivalent—this Christmas, and few parties will be complete without them. Not the least of their charms is the wonderful variety of flavours, shapes and centres, as well as the attractive packings. Some particularly delightful assortments are "Gaiety," "Columbine," "King George," "Supreme," as well as the well-known specialities, "Creamy Fruits," "Chocolate Eclairs" and "Chocolate Marshmallows."

FOR A SWEET TOOTH

A box of alluring "Meltis" Chocolates

A Good Choice

For a long time I have been distrustful of the powers of a woman to choose wine. Consequently, when I received an invitation to dine with a certain female cousin of mine, I was very agreeably surprised when I tasted my first glass of the sparkling wine provided. There was no mistaking the medium dry quality, and the delicate flavour of the Muscat grape. It seemed quite natural then, to see the "Golden Guinea" label on the bottle.

Music Hath Charms

"I am going," said I, "to give Bruce a musical instrument for Christmas this year." "What!" said Doris, "you know

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"Growlers!"

YOU don't see many of them nowadays. The horse, driver, fare, and especially the luggage, out-of-date!

But you still hear them! Growlers, men and women, as they fume and fuss over their packing, and struggle with their impedimenta on the station platforms. Out-of-date!

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A MUSIC NOTE
One of the famous Columbia Gramophones ready for action

very well that he can't play a note!" "He will on this one," I answered, and showed her the New Columbia Grafonola, which I had bought. The model I had chosen was a table grand in oak at £13 10s., but there were so many varieties, ranging from £4 15s. to £75, that I was decided in my choice only by the limits of my purse. Incidentally, the man who sold me the instrument told me that the demand for Columbias this year is four times in excess of that of previous years.

To Charm the Senses

Exclusive and delicate is Yardley Company's "Jessamine o' Devon," English by name and of English manufacture. This compares in every way with the best Continental productions. Composed of the white jessamine flower, one gets the rarely delicate perfume of the flower, which has an allure all its own, without any sickly clogging. It is a pure, skilfully concocted perfume, the result of close chemical research that has brought the knowledge of how certain elements react the one on the other, until just the right fragrance is produced. And none will question the refinement of "Jessamine o' Devon," which Yardley's are putting up in various charmingly-shaped bottles at prices ranging from 5s. 6d. to 21s.

BOTTLED FRAGRANCE
A bottle of one of the Yardley preparations

The Charm of the East

It is not given to all of us to visit the Orient, there to capture a sense of the charm and mysticism of the changeless East, but even those of us who cannot get much further afield than, say, Paris in these busy times can capture something of that spirit in the smoking of a really good cigarette. Lauren's Egyptian and Turkish cigarettes are unquestionably redolent of the East, and in their fragrant aroma can be found much solace and rest from the unromantic bustle of the Occident. These cigarettes, which cost 2s. for twenty, may be obtained direct from 44, Old Bond Street, or all high-class tobacconists.

SMOKER'S JOY
Two boxes of the famous Laurens Oriental cigarettes

In "Case" You Forget—

—Your rich uncle from whom you have expectations. This is to remind you that in all probability he is like the rest of us, inasmuch as he is by no means averse to a "wee drappie o' Scotch," especially on such festive occasions as Christmas and the New Year. If you really wish to please him mightily and get into his good books, you will take the advice of One Who Knows and send him a case of "White Horse" Whisky These cases, which contain three, six, or twelve bottles, are obtainable through any licence-holder. Oh, by the way, good as this whisky is for all uncles, let them remember that what is "sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and that nephews—myself included—

A WINNER
A bottle of "White Horse" whisky always well placed in the Popularity Stakes

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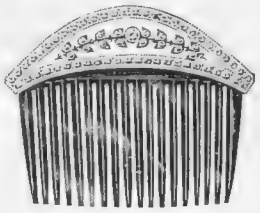
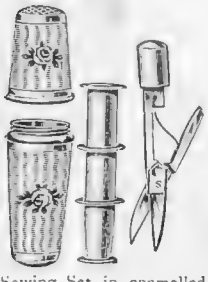
GIFTS

From Harrods Fancy Jewellery Section
Ground Floor

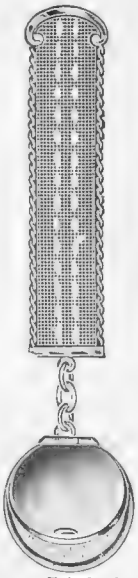
Paste Shoe Buckles, antique silver setting. 2 × 1½ ins. (FJ 684.) Per pair **21/-**



Small Side Comb with fine paste top. 2½ ins. (FJ 678.) **8/6**



Sewing Set in enamelled case, dainty colours, ornamented tiny roses. Cotton spool, needle case, thimble and scissors. (FJ 686.) **5/6**



Smart Fob for breast or hip pocket, in rolled gold, with vanity case attached. (FJ 651). **14/6**

Paste Peacock Brooch, with enamelled tail in natural colours. (FJ 672.) Complete in case. **10/6**

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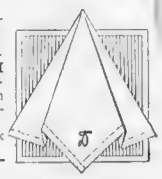

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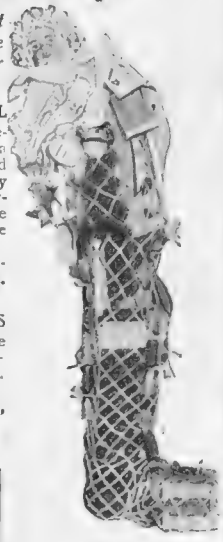

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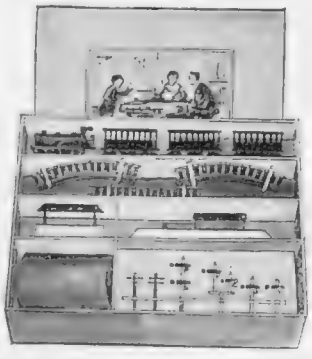

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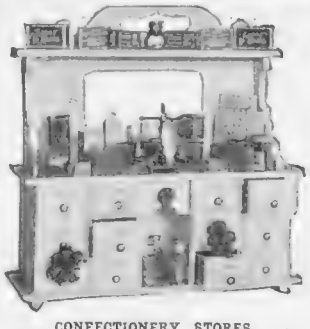

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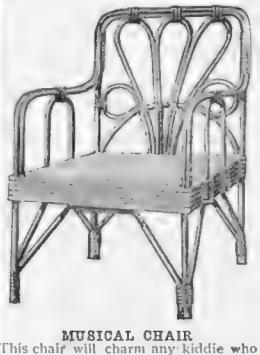

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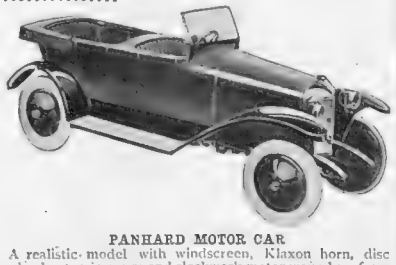

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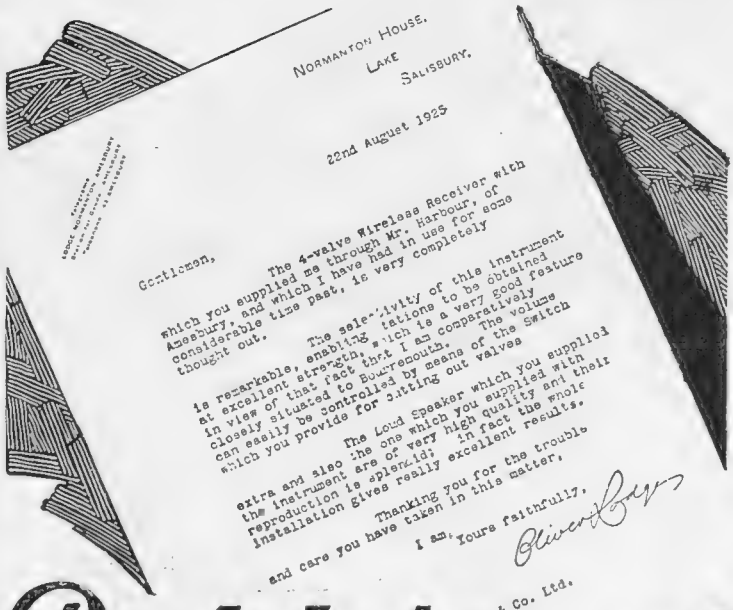

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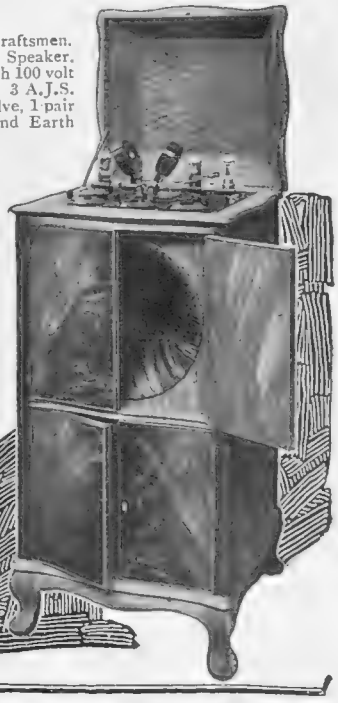

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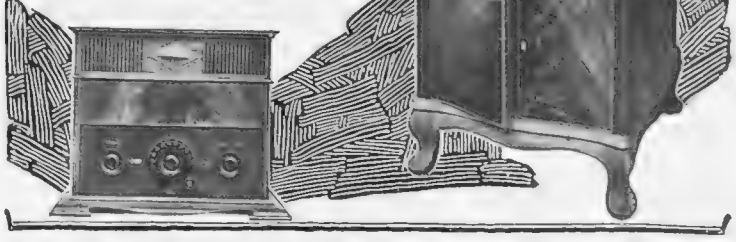

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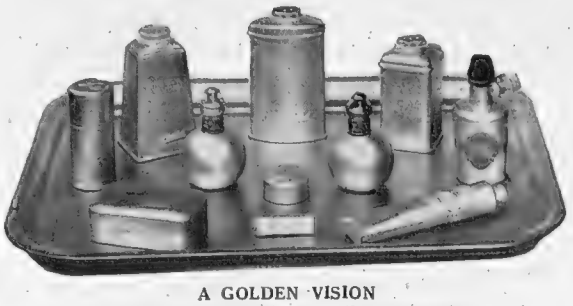

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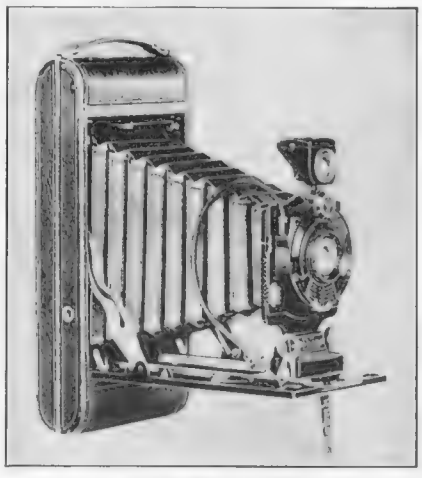

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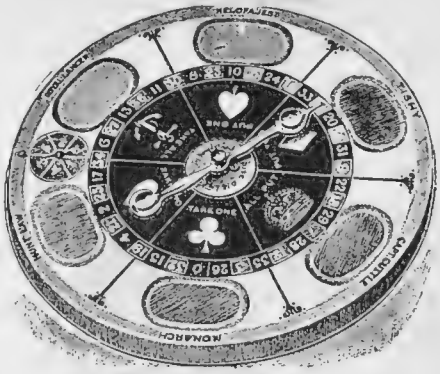

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Disc-o-games, one of the many novelties from Gamages of Holborn

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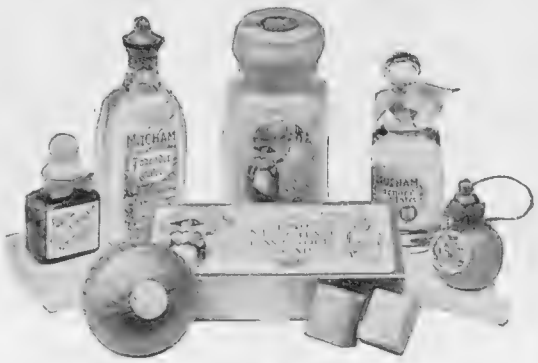

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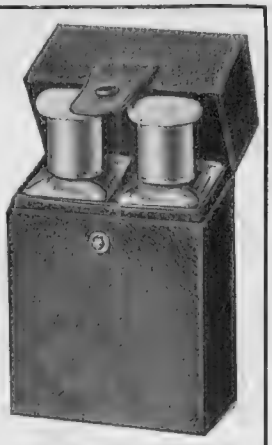
Some of the Mitcham Lavender toilet requisites made by Messrs. Potter and Moore



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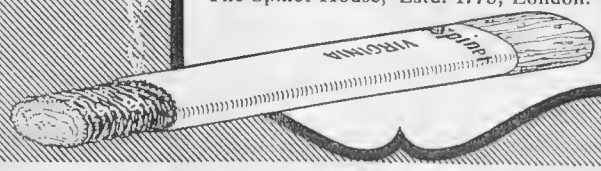

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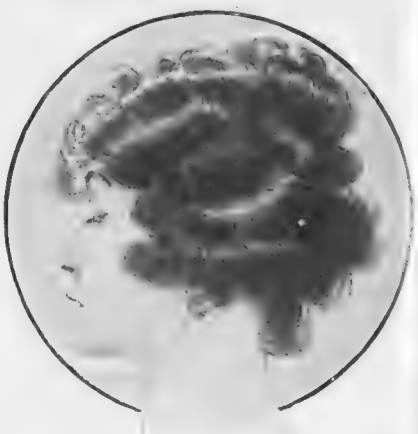

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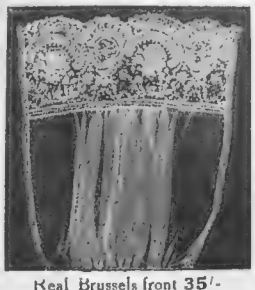

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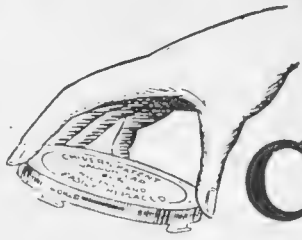

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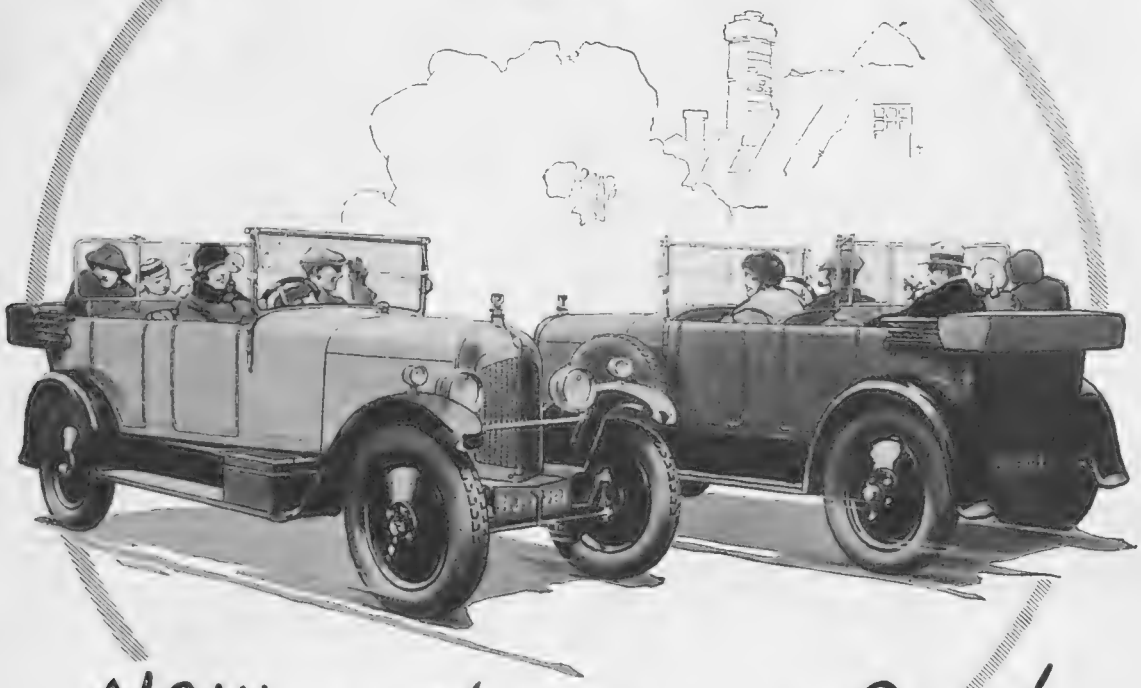

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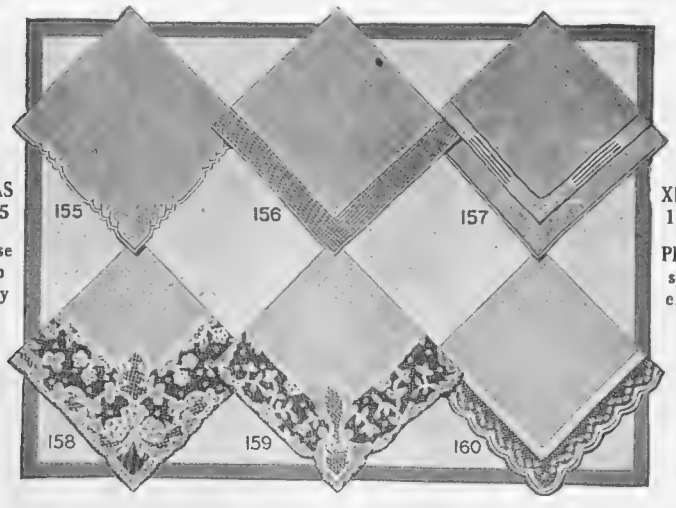

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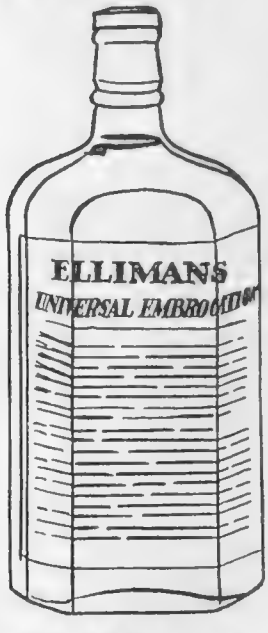

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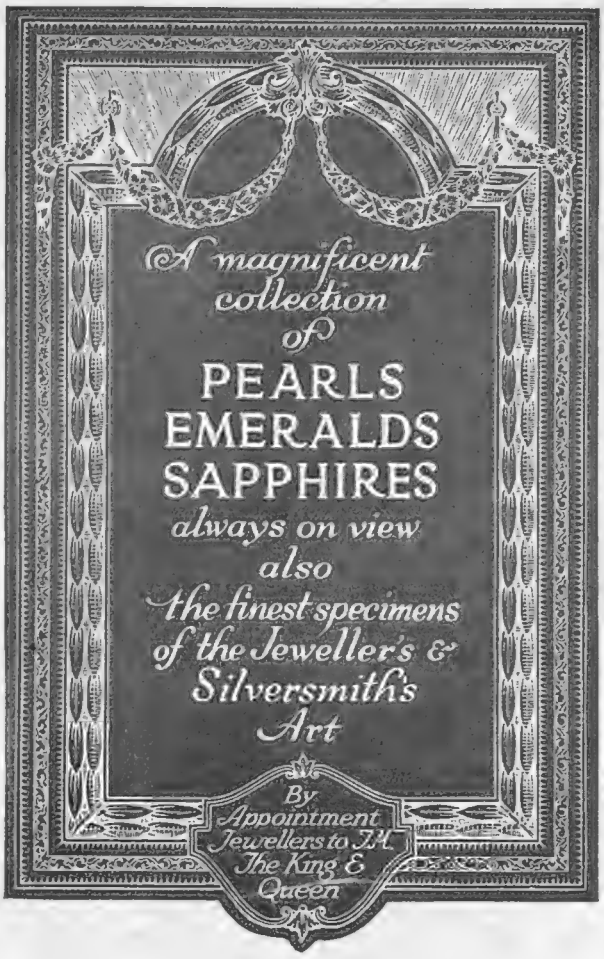

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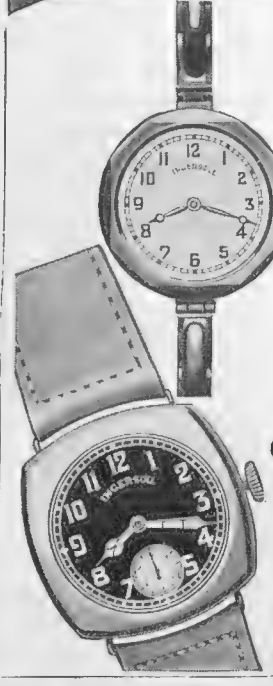

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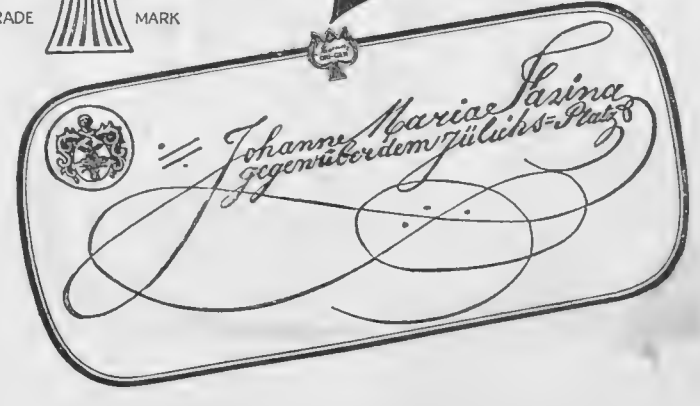

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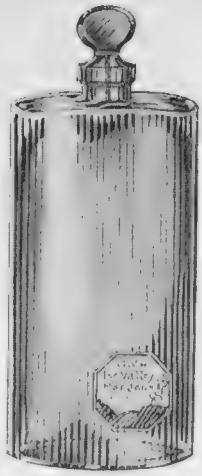

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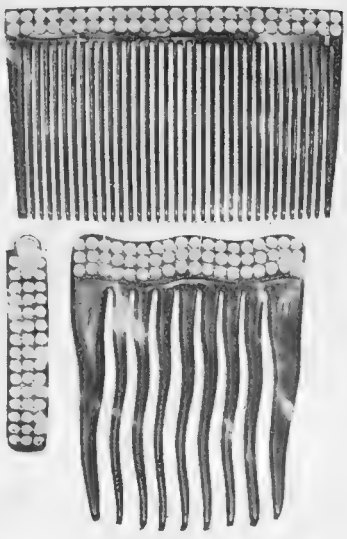

FOR THE HAIR
Two attractive side-combs from Maison Nicol, 170, New Bond Street

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The yearly problem of a present for Uncle Samuel is apt to take a great deal of the glamour away from Christmas. His touchiness is notorious, but he responds readily to a happy choice of presents. Last year we were lucky enough to come across Hedges & Butler's admirable list of wines and cigars, and a carefully chosen hamper from this firm worked wonders. The bottle or so of sound old port and the box of cigars were, apparently, just what he liked most. This year, needless to say, we shall repeat the dose!

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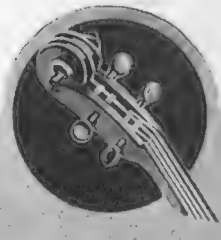

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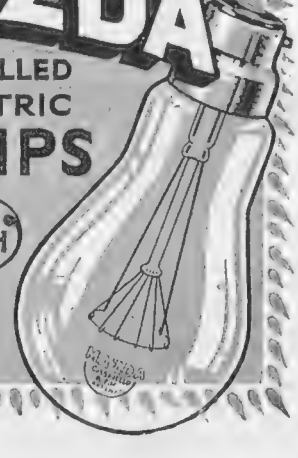

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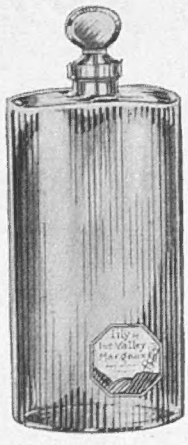

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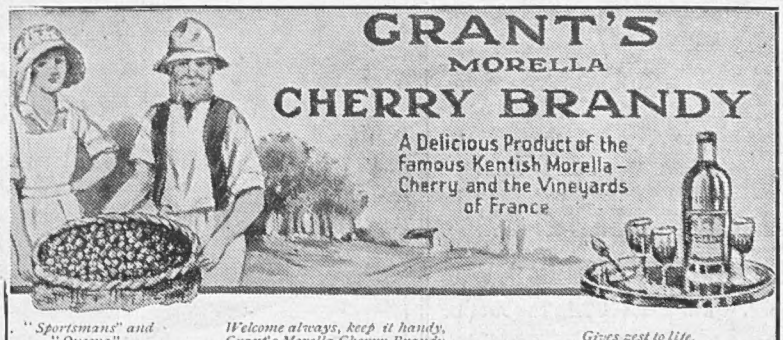

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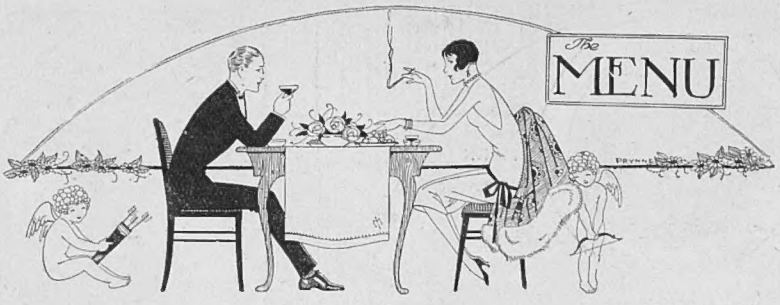

WINTER DISHES

Vegetable Soup

WASH, peel, and cut into small pieces one turnip, one carrot and two potatoes, and peel and slice an onion. Melt 1½ ozs. of butter in a stewpan, add the vegetables, and stir them over the fire for about ten minutes, without allowing them to get brown, then add one and a half pints of stock. Let the whole simmer until the vegetables are tender, about half an hour. Remove the scum and season with salt, pepper, and a grate of nutmeg. Mix a heaped-up tablespoonful of cornflour with a little milk to a smooth paste, add it to the soup, then boil for another ten minutes, and serve hot.

Steak and Oyster Pudding

Make a suet paste with ¾ lb. of flour, 6 ozs. of chopped suet, and about one and a half gills of water. Roll out and line a greased pudding-basin. Now cut about 1 lb. of rump steak into thin slices. Beard one and a half dozen large oysters, cut them in halves, and roll each half into a slice of steak with a small piece of fat, then roll in flour. Put the beef and oysters into the basin, and pour over about one and a half gills of seasoned stock or water, also a little chopped parsley. Cover the basin with the paste, tie over a pudding-cloth, and boil the pudding for three hours.

Irish Stew

Slice one large Spanish onion, and peel and slice two large potatoes. Put these with the onion and salt and pepper into a stewpan, just cover with water, and let them boil until both onion and potatoes are quite soft and mashed up. Now turn them into a deep casserole, and lay on the top some neck of mutton chops, well trimmed of all fat—about six or eight cutlets. Cover them well with the gravy from the potatoes, and add a very little more hot water, if necessary, but it must not be too moist. Now add about twelve potatoes cut in halves, and let all cook in the oven for two hours. Cover closely.

Braised Veal

Trim neatly a piece of fillet of veal, and put it into a deep casserole dish with some slices of bacon, then some carrots and onions cut into slices with a bunch of sweet herbs, pepper, salt and spices to taste, lay the veal in the middle and moisten it with about a pint of stock. Let the meat stew gently for three or four hours in the oven, basting the top occasionally. Then strain off the gravy, put it into a small saucepan, thicken it with butter smoothly mixed with flour, and when it has boiled up, pour it over the veal and send to table in the casserole.

Fricasseed Cutlets

Flour some mutton cutlets lightly. Fry a sliced Spanish onion and three or four tomatoes, seasoned with salt and pepper, then put in the cutlets and fry till brown, remove them, and place in a casserole with the tomatoes. Strain the gravy from the onions, thicken with a little butter and flour, pour over the cutlets in the casserole, and cook for half an hour. A little macaroni or spaghetti cooked separately, and added to the dish before serving, is an improvement.

Lamb or Sheep's Liver

Cut about 1 lb. of liver into thin slices and fry it in butter or dripping for a few minutes, add one small onion (previously taking out the liver), and fry in the fat till a nice brown colour, stir in 1 oz. of flour, and add a cupful of stock or water (add Oxo if the latter), and bring to the boil. Pour this over the liver in the casserole, and cook in the oven for thirty minutes or longer. If bacon is liked with the liver, the onion can be omitted.

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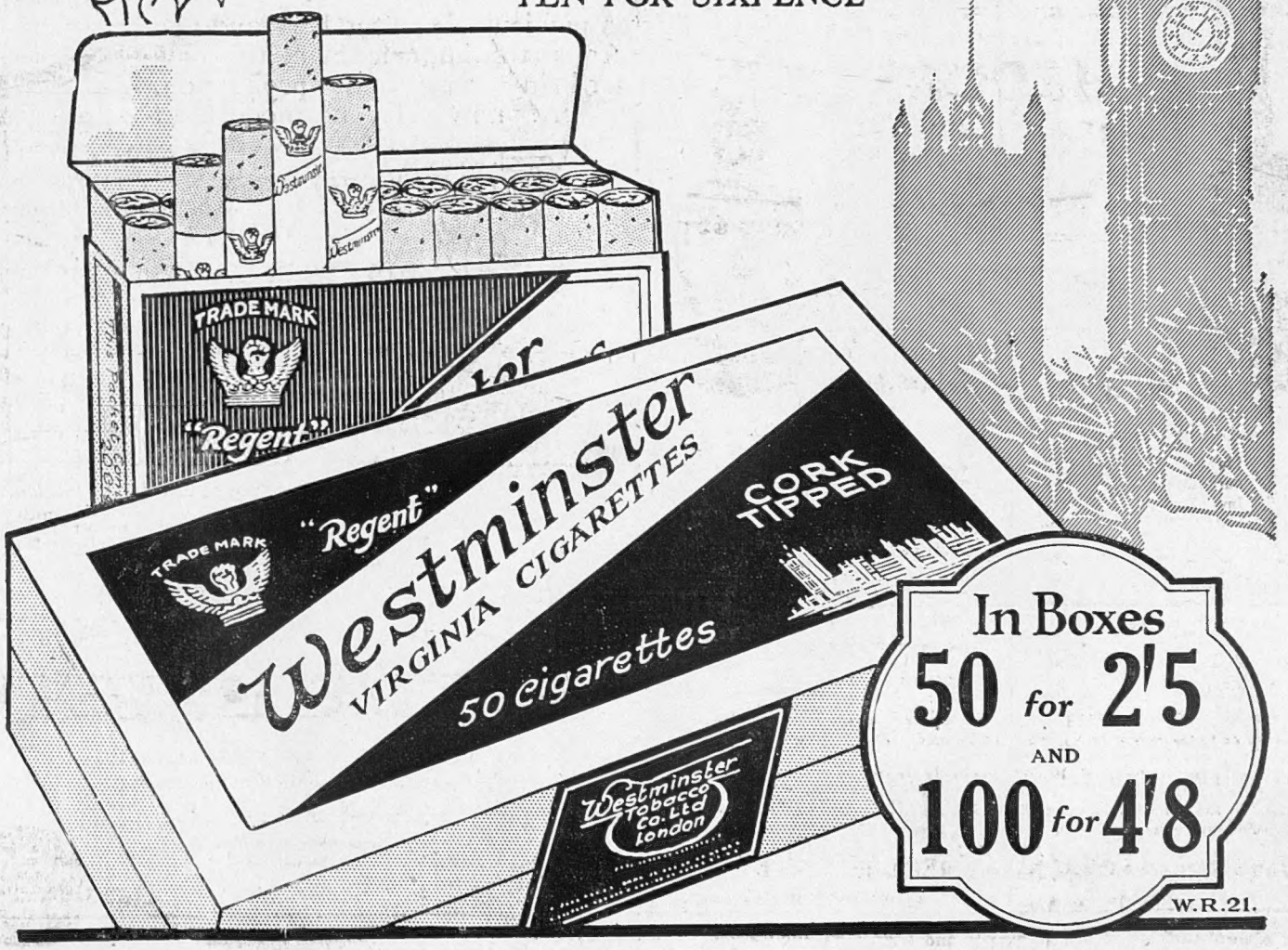

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